

Week of February 12, 2017 Questions for Ohana

“Living in Babylon” Daniel 1: 1-21

ICE BREAKER: Favorite food time! Order your favorite meal at a restaurant- what would it be? Or What is the weirdest food you have been served? Did you eat it?

A Read Daniel 1: 8

- 1 What was special treatment from the king was actually repulsive to Daniel. Why?
- 2 This was far more than a diet what was spiritually behind Daniel’s action?
- 3 Is there an aspect of the world’s “delights” that was once attractive to you and has now become repulsive and “defiling”?
- 4 Would it have been better for Daniel to compromise in this area on the outside? Why? Where is the line between compromise and conformity to the world?

B Read Daniel 1: 1-7

- 1 List as many lifestyle and cultural changes as you can that Daniel and his friends had to embrace in being thrust from Judah to Babylon.
- 2 Select as a group which two things you think would have been the most difficult.

C Read Daniel 1: 8-21 Circle the words “better”.

- 1 How did Daniel have to exercise his faith in action?
How did God intervene to help?
- 2 In what ways were the Israelites proved to be “better”?
- 3 How was Daniel a testimony and “light” to the power of God in that dark and difficult place?

Application

- 1 Are there places in your life now that is like living in Babylon? Where are they and what are the cultural pressures that are placed on you to conform?
- 2 **Read 1 John 2: 15-17 and John 17: 15**
Jesus does not pray to remove us out of the world but that we might be protected and sanctified in the world. Do you see yourself like Daniel and his friends as placed by God in your contexts to bring the Holy Spirit’s transforming power - or - are you trying to run away to find a place that is easier?

Pray in Small Teams of 2-4

Pray for each other’s “Babylon”. Empower each other with the Holy Spirit to be “Daniels” and to know where and how to take spiritual stands of no compromise and to know how to be a light for Jesus where He has placed us.

Pray as a Group sending you out as missionaries for Jesus this week.