

## Week of March 19, 2017 Questions for Ohana

### Living in Babylon: "Found Wanting" Daniel 5

**ICE BREAKER:** What is one of your favorite things to drink? or Describe your favorite mug, or cup you like to use.

#### A Read Daniel 5: 1-6,

- 1 What motive do you think led king Belshazzar to order to bring the temple vessels to use at his party?
- 2 \*Why was this act terribly wrong?  
How many of the 10 Commandments did he break?
- 3 How big do you imagine the hand and the writing?  
What symptoms are described in the king's reaction?  
What caused the writing on the wall?

#### B Read Daniel 5: 7-12

- 1 What was the promise given to the one who could interpret the writing? Give a modern day equivalent of the reward.
- 2 Why and how does the tension increase when the enchanters are not able to help?

#### C Read Daniel 5: 13 - 21

- 1 What is Daniel's response to the king's reward (v.17)? Why?
- 2 \*What did God give (verse 18)? Why did God take away verse 20)? How does this principle apply to any of our lives?

3 What is the climax of Daniel's history lesson (verse 21)?

#### \*D Read Daniel 5: 22-31

- 1 \*What was wrong with the king's heart (verse 22, 23)?  
Summarize Daniel's interpretation of the dream?
- 2 Why didn't Daniel give any advice to the king this time?

#### Application

It is often unpopular to think of God as our Judge.

When have you acted like king Belshazzar?

Make a human balance with one person's hands stretched out.

As a group identify sins and place them on the person's left hand.

How does the Easter message expand our understanding of judgment and being "found wanting" before God?

How does this story magnify God's grace shown toward us in Christ (Romans 5: 6-9)? What changes the scale of judgment when we trust in Christ?

#### Pray as a Group

Ask God to reveal and forgive areas of rebellion in our actions and heart where we are "found wanting".

Thank God for the mercy of God in Jesus in forgiving us and taking our deserved judgment upon Himself on the cross.

Pray that forgiveness over the sins of our land.