

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Daniel 2:1-6, 10-19

Review

- If you could visit heaven and talk with one of the people of the Bible (other than Jesus), who would you talk to?
- What would you like said at your funeral?
- Name one person that is not a family member that has had the greatest influence in your life. Why?
- When you read this Bible passage, what particular verse or phrase stands out?

Remind

- Why couldn't King Nebuchadnezzar sleep (v.1)?
- Who did the king call to help with his insomnia (v.2-3)? Why?
- What did the helpers ask the king for (v.4)?
- Why did the king not provide the information (v.5-6)?
- Who did the helpers say could meet the king's demands (v.10-11)? Did this happen, and, if so, in what way (v.19)?
- What did the king order due to the helpers' failure (v.12-13)?
- Who did Daniel speak to, and why (v.14-15)?
- What did Daniel do on hearing the details of the king's order (v.16)? What did Daniel ask for, and why?
- At home, who did Daniel ask to help him (v.17)? What were they specifically asked to do, and why (v.18)?

Respond

- Why don't we expect God to speak to us through dreams today, as He did in Daniel's time?
- Quote: "*Faith is living without scheming.*" [Wiersbe]
In what way/s do you agree or disagree with this statement?
- Prayer sustained Daniel while they were in exile. In what ways has prayer sustained you during a difficult time?
- What does it mean to you that "*God is in control of history*"?
- You could end by reading together Daniel 2:10

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Nebuchadnezzar's dream

¹ In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. ² So the king summoned the magicians, enchanter, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, ³ he said to them, 'I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means.'

⁴ Then the astrologers answered the king, 'May the king live for ever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it.'

⁵ The king replied to the astrologers, 'This is what I have firmly decided: if you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble. ⁶ But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honour. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me.'

¹⁰ The astrologers answered the king, 'There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. ¹¹ What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans.'

¹² This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. ¹³ So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.

¹⁴ When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. ¹⁵ He asked the king's officer, 'Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?' Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. ¹⁶ At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

¹⁷ Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ¹⁸ He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven