

## **CONNECT Group study questions for Jan. 13, 2019**

### **Title: “Fear Versus Faith”**

1. In Daniel 2 Nebuchadnezzar had a very strange dream. He told his advisors that if they couldn't tell him what he dreamed and its meaning, he would kill them all (including Daniel and his friends). This presented Daniel with an impossible problem. But it wasn't an impossible problem for God.

- What are some practical steps we can take to grow in our faith, our trust in and dependence on God?

- How can we both teach to and model for the next generation that God is bigger than any problem we may face? How can we teach them to exercise faith?

2. Daniel's behavior in this chapter would strike most of us as very brave.

- What did he do that was brave, and what do you think is the source of Daniel's bravery?

- As the world continually puts our feet to the fire, what are some practical steps we can take to grow in our spiritual courage? Share with the group a time that God called you to demonstrate spiritual courage.

- How can we both teach to and model for the next generation spiritual courage under fire?

3. After God answers Daniel's prayer, Daniel worships God. Daniel 2:20-23 records his prayer.

20 “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

21 He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;

22 he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

23 To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter.”

After Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Nebuchadnezzar even worships God (in his own limited and pagan way).

- What does Daniel say about God in his worship? Work through the prayer, verse by verse to examine what Daniel says.

- How can we both teach to and model for the next generation biblical worship?