

CONNECT Group study questions for Feb. 10, 2019

Title: “Faithful Under Stress”

1. As we have walked through the life of Daniel, Pastor Peppy has made mention of characters along the way. In each instance, we have examined the way they handled various trials. This week we read the story of Daniel in the lion’s den with a special look at Daniel’s faithfulness while under stress. Before we start unpacking the story...

- What sort of images come to mind when you think of modern day lion’s den situations? If your first thoughts were about something far removed from your life, can you think of examples from your own life?
- It is often easy to imagine ourselves standing firm the way the hero does in the story. What is a more realistic response? How did you respond to the situation you mentioned in the previous question?

2. In examining how Daniel handled this particular life situation, we can broadly divide the story into two categories: his life leading up to this point and how he responded. The first thing we see is that the rulers were looking for some dirt from his life that they could use against him (sound familiar?). Pastor Peppy called this Daniel’s commitment to excellence and talked about this in reference to integrity.

- Challenges to our integrity come in all shapes and sizes. What sort of challenges do we see in our daily lives?
- Even if we don’t have a clean past, that doesn’t mean we can’t work toward a clean future. What sort of practical steps could you take to avoid falling prey to any of the things mentioned in the previous question?

3. The rest of the story gives the reader a glimpse of how Daniel handles stress in his life and most likely explains how he was able to maintain such an amazing reputation of integrity. He was consistent in prayer and he was committed to his relationship with God. Maintaining this level of consistency and intimacy with God is something most would agree is vital and yet is often difficult to achieve.

- What sort of obstacles do we face when seeking to reach consistent intimacy with God?
- What might be some solutions we can implement that would help us overcome some of the common issues and excuses we face?
- Is there a particular way your group can help one another to be more consistent?