

DANIEL—1 CG Questions

Daniel 1:1-17

1—When did you experience the kingdom this past week? Were you able to connect with anyone for the first time in worship this past Sunday? If so, please share.

New sermon series...DANIEL...minor prophet. Daniel—Prophet (Chapters 1-6)

Daniel was born approximately 620AD...This was difficult time for both Northern Kingdom (Israel) and the Southern Kingdom (Jerusalem). Led by bad kings.

King Nebuchadnezzar sieges Jerusalem three times (605, 597, 587BC)

Daniel was probably around 15-20 years old when brought into captivity Babylon.

Groomed to be a servant in the king's palace. (3 year plan).

2—Read Daniel 1:1-7. What do we learn about King Nebuchadnezzar from the young men he captured from Jerusalem and what he required of them?

3—Read Daniel 1:8-10. The Hebrew word for DEFILE (v.8) means to pollute or stain. What do we learn about Daniel from these few verses? What can we assume about Daniel's life up until this point? What are ways that followers of Jesus DEFILE their lives? What can we do to keep us from DEFILING our lives?

4—Read Daniel 1:11-16. How would you describe how Daniel approaches the chief official? What surprises you about this? What surprises you with Daniel's request to eat only vegetables?

5—Read Daniel 1:17. God honors the faithfulness of Daniel and his friends. Can you think of a person that took a stand for Christ and the Lord honored her/him?

6—Romans 12:2 says—"Do not conform to the pattern of this world." What are the negative consequences of conforming or compromising our faith? What are the blessings of not conforming, being obedient to Christ?

7—What are you hearing from these verses? What is the one thing you can do this week to apply this lesson in your life?