

Suggested Discussion Questions for 4/30/2023

Message: Thriving with Daniel, pt 1

1. Share some way the life of Daniel has challenged you in the past.
2. The efforts to assimilate Daniel and other exiles included name changes. See if you can find the meanings of their Hebrew and Babylonian names. How might this attempt to shape the identity of these young men? In what ways is our culture seeking to “rename” people into a different identity and morality?
3. Where do you see the strongest pressures today to pull people into “culture think?” What is essential in our efforts to “choose to refuse”? What specific guidance do you see in chapter 1?
4. Interact with the statement: “God does not give us the freedom to do what we want, but to want what we ought.” What are some other passages that support this concept?
5. What does this passage teach us about the *favor* of God? What are some things in your life/world that are easy to fear that might interfere with God’s favor?
6. Seeking God’s wisdom and understanding is a vital and often repeated theme in the Bible. Look up a few of these passages. What do they tell us about seeking and finding wisdom and understanding? What contrasts to they reveal? How do you personally live out these instructions?
7. What do you see as the primary “gift” God is currently asking you to steward? How is it going? What adjustment(s) would you like to make?
8. Look at the passages from the outline that address the schemes of Satan? What insight do you gain? How do you identify schemes Satan may be attempting in your life?
9. Formulate one question from this passage that you would like the group to discuss.