

SET APART: LIVING DIFFERENT IN A DISTRACTED WORLD

GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 1 GUIDE: Daniel 1:1–21 — “Decide Who You Are”

Opening Question: When have you felt pressure to fit in or compromise something you believe?

Read Aloud: Daniel 1:1–21

Discussion Questions

1. What pressures did Daniel and his friends face in Babylon?
2. What stands out about Daniel's decision not to defile himself?
3. Why is identity so important in moments of pressure?
4. How does culture try to shape our identity today?
5. What does it look like to “decide who you are” ahead of time?
6. Where are you most tempted to compromise right now?

Application Steps

- Identify one area where you feel pressure to compromise
- Spend time this week reflecting on your identity in Christ
- Choose one practical way to live set apart this week

WEEK 2 GUIDE: Daniel 3:1–30 — “Don’t Bow to the Noise”

Opening Question: What kinds of pressures or “noise” compete for your attention and loyalty?

Read Aloud: Daniel 3:1–30

Discussion Questions

1. What made it difficult for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to stand firm?
2. What is significant about their response before the outcome was known?
3. What “idols” exist in our culture today?
4. Why is it hard to stand alone when everyone else is going along?
5. What does this passage teach about true faith?
6. Where do you need to stand firm right now?

Application Steps

- Identify one “voice” or pressure you need to resist
- Ask God for courage to remain faithful regardless of outcome
- Take one step this week to align your life with God's truth

WEEK 3 GUIDE: Daniel 6:1–23 — “Focused in a Fractured World”

Opening Question: What habits or rhythms help you stay spiritually grounded?

Read Aloud: Daniel 6:1–23

Discussion Questions

1. What patterns do we see in Daniel's daily life?
2. Why was his consistency such a threat to others?
3. What does this passage teach about spiritual discipline?
4. How do daily rhythms shape long-term faithfulness?
5. What distractions most affect your focus on God?
6. Where do you need greater consistency in your walk with God?

Application Steps

- Commit to one daily spiritual rhythm (prayer, Scripture, etc.)
- Set aside intentional time with God this week
- Remove one distraction that is pulling your focus away

WEEK 4 GUIDE: Daniel 2:1–49 — “Faith Over Fear”

Opening Question: What situations tend to create the most anxiety or fear for you?

Read Aloud: Daniel 2:1–49

Discussion Questions

1. How did Daniel respond when faced with uncertainty?
2. What role did prayer and community play in his response?
3. What does this passage teach about trusting God?
4. Why do we often default to fear instead of faith?
5. How does God reveal Himself in uncertain situations?
6. Where are you struggling to trust God right now?

Application Steps

- Name one fear you need to surrender to God
- Invite someone to pray with you about it
- Practice trusting God through prayer this week

WEEK 5 GUIDE: Daniel 7:1–14 — “Seeing Clearly”

Opening Question: How do current events shape your outlook on life and the future?

Read Aloud: Daniel 7:1–14

Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you in Daniel’s vision?
2. What does this passage reveal about God’s authority?
3. Why is it difficult to see beyond present circumstances?
4. How does God’s kingdom change our perspective?
5. What does it mean to live with eternal vision?
6. Where are you tempted to lose sight of God’s bigger picture?

Application Steps

- Spend time reflecting on God’s kingdom and promises
- Reframe one current situation through a faith perspective
- Limit one source of distraction that clouds your vision

WEEK 6 GUIDE: Daniel 12:1–3 — “Shine”

Opening Question: Who is someone whose faith stands out to you—and why?

Read Aloud: Daniel 12:1–3

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to “shine like the brightness of the heavens”?
2. How does a set-apart life influence others?
3. Why do believers sometimes try to blend in rather than stand out?
4. What does this passage teach about eternal impact?
5. Where has God placed you to be a light?
6. Who in your life needs to see Christ through you?

Application Steps

- Identify one place where you can intentionally shine for Christ
- Take a step to live more visibly in your faith this week
- Pray for someone who needs to see the light of Christ