



GROUPDISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK Oct 2 – 8

MAIN IDEA

How can I stand strong as a follower of Jesus in a culture of compromise?

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the “highs & lows” of your week/holidays. High: What was your biggest highlight since we last met? Low: What was the low point during this time?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

What is the meaning of your name? If you do not know, Google it; and share it with your group.

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 15 min

1. Read Daniel 1: 1-8. Daniel and the three captives with him were being forced by the king to think, talk, and eat as the Babylonians did in hopes that they would forget their God. How did Daniel stand strong in his faith in God? How do you think Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah responded to Daniel’s boldness?

2. In Daniel 1:7, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were given new names as another way for the Babylonians to defile God. Can you think of a time where your identity became driven by the world or the people around you instead of God?
3. Read Daniel 1:8-17. How did God bless Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah’s faithfulness after Daniel stood up to the chief official regarding the food they would be required to eat?
4. Who is someone you can stand with to help you stand strong in your faith?
5. Read Daniel 6:1-10. Again, we find Daniel in a position where he is standing firm as a man who believes in God, but this time his faithfulness led to the king telling his kingdom to fear and rever the God of Daniel (Daniel 6:26). What can God do through us when we choose to stay faithful to him?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:58. How does this encourage you as you battle standing firm in your faith when culture says to move?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

Where do you find yourself being challenged to stand strong as a follower of Jesus? What is one cultural shift you feel makes it difficult to do so?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

1. In your prayer time this week, ask God to help you see clearly the spaces you can stand strong in your faith despite the pressure you may have to stay silent.
2. If you are needing a Bible reading plan, start reading the book of Daniel.