

What Do I Do When I Don't Know What to Do?

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Daniel 2

Big Idea: Exiles' lives point to humanity's need for God.

Sermon questions

Do you ever feel like the values of our world aren't the values you want for yourself or for your family? Ever feel like culture around you is actively making it harder for you to follow Jesus? Ever feel like the people in your life are completely resistant to the message of Jesus? Meet Daniel. A man who stayed radically faithful to God and thrived in his faith while living right in the middle of one of the most godless kingdoms of all time. He has a lot to teach us about what it looks like to be an exile—a citizen of God's kingdom who lives in the tension of being in the world but not of it. We are continuing our series in Daniel, and our passage this Sunday is **Daniel 2**. The Big Idea is *Exiles' lives point to humanity's need for God*.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

Read **Daniel 2**

1. Have someone read **Daniel 2:17-19**. What do you notice about how Daniel responds to the news that he and all the wise men of Babylon are to be executed?
2. Have someone read **Daniel 2:26-28a**. Daniel gives all the glory to God when he already had the answer to present to the king. What can we learn from this in our own lives when it is so easy to commend ourselves and it's often culturally expected/accepted to do so?

3. Have someone read **Daniel 2:44-45**. Where does Daniel find his hope and confidence? How might our understanding of this give us hope and confidence as followers of Jesus in the 21st century?

4. How can you **grow** as an exile in the world? What takeaways can you glean from Daniel's circumstances and example in Chapter 2 for how to **grow** while we are in the world and yet not of it?

5. Read **Daniel 2:47**. How were Daniel's actions and faithfulness pivotal in the king's response? As you consider the value of **go** in your own lives, what about Daniel's story can encourage you to live boldly for Jesus in the face of fear?