

Interpret circumstances through the lens of scripture.

Daniel 1:1-8a

1. Identity

Remember who you are and whose you are.

Hebrews 12:5-6a

2. Integrity

Choose what standard to live by or it will be chosen for you.

Proverbs 2:7; Proverbs 10:9; Proverbs 20:7; Daniel 1:8-9

3. Influence

Knowing your identity and living with integrity will lead you to be influential.

Daniel 1:17-20

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Review:

Choosing to interpret circumstances through the lens of scripture shows us how to thrive spiritually in a godless environment.

Open Up:

What is the first story that comes into your mind when you think of Daniel?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ What are some circumstances in our society that need to be evaluated through scripture? What perspective should we have?
- ▶ Read Proverbs 2:7, Proverbs 10:9, and Proverbs 20:7. What are some areas in our world where integrity is being challenged or redefined? How can we stand strong for Godly values without coming across as judgmental to others?
- ▶ Would it be difficult or easy for you to take the 10 day media fast challenge and why?
- ▶ Read Psalm 139:13-14. How can you live knowing that God designed you even when your past experiences, or the people around you, try to convince you otherwise?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Read John 15:15. Ask God for a name that he wants you to focus on in this season. It could be friend, son or daughter, light in the darkness, hope for hopeless, or something else.

Pray:

Ask each person for the name they want to mark their life and pray that over them.