

Dare to be Different

Part 3

Key Scriptures: Daniel 2:1-6; Proverbs 29:2; Matthew 5:13-15; Daniel 2:10-19; James 5:16; Daniel 2:25-28; Daniel 2:45b-49; Philippians 4:6-7

1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What are the two most unique aspects of who you are? (unique fashion sense, genre of books you read, hobbies, hair color, languages spoken, job, major in college, heritage, etc.) Why are they so unique?
- Who is the most unique person you admire? Why?

2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- You are different! What kind of difference does your particular “Different” make? (In your family, at work, at school, in public, in secret?)
- Read Proverbs 29:2. Was this true in Daniel’s time? Is it true today? Why or why not? Give an example.
- Does this apply today? “The only thing required for the triumph of evil in this world is for God’s people to sit back and do nothing...” Why does/doesn’t it?

3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Do you think people in your life are more interested in religion or spirituality? Why? Is Christianity only a religion?
- Read Matthew 5:13-15. Why would Jesus call His followers “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world”? How does this imply we are different? What difference does being salt and light make?
- In Daniel 2:10-16 the situation looks pretty hopeless, yet Daniel responded with “wisdom and tact”. Why was he able to do this? Why couldn’t any of the King’s magicians, enchanters, or astrologers do this?
- How did Daniel and his friends respond to this threat to their lives?
- In Daniel 2:19, God revealed the mystery of the King’s dream to Daniel. What was his first response? You might not always see God moving in your life, but how do you respond to God after praying for help/wisdom/peace/safety/freedom?

4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray like we are instructed to do in Philippians 4:6-7 and ask for His peace.
- Pray that God REVEALS the answers that we need.

5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Find a way to not just change the situation you are praying about... but act in a way that God might change the world around you!