

Dare to be Different

Part 4

Key Scriptures: Daniel 2:29-45; Daniel 2:4; Matthew 6:33; Matthew 4:17

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

- There are two kinds of people, those who remember their dreams and those who don't... which are you?
- What was the best dream you ever had when you were a kid? What was the worst? Did either dream (best or worst) ever come true?

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

- Was King Nebuchadnezzar's dream concerning the past, the present, or the future? Why did this affect the king so much?
- Read Daniel 2:36-45 As Daniel interprets the king's dream, what did the different sections of the statue represent?
 - GOLD:
 - SILVER:
 - BRONZE:
 - IRON:
 - IRON & CLAY:
 - STONE that is not cut by hands:
 - CHAFF:
- Why did the stone last forever? What does that signify?

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

- What do you dream of your future being? What are you doing now to affect your future?
- We all build one of two things... our kingdom, or the Kingdom of God. Is building your kingdom (your future, your family's future) evil? Is building God's Kingdom better? How do you think the phrase "Good is the enemy of the Best" applies to this?

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

- Pray that God shows you with wisdom and clarity the future that best builds the Kingdom of God.
- Pray that God gives you wisdom and tact to lead and encourage others to build God's Kingdom.

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

- Write down ideas and questions you have about building God's Kingdom as a student, parent, spouse, employee, employer, and/or minister. Ask for help to put your ideas into practice and for guidance from leaders in your life.