Who Do You (Really) Think You Are?

Key Scriptures: Hebrews 13:8; Daniel 6:1-5; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Daniel 2:48; Daniel 5:29

- 1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.
 - Who is the greatest leader you know? Who is the greatest leader in history? And who is the greatest leader in movies, books, or TV? Why?
 - What qualities do most of these leaders have in common?
- 2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.
 - What is one word that might best describe you today? What about 5 years ago? 10 years ago? How has that word that captures your identity changed through time? How might it change in the future?
 - What words does God use to describe you? Search your Bible to find a verse that describes how God sees and feels about you and share it.
 - How do the Administrators and Satraps describe Daniel's character in verses 1-5? How many Kings had Daniel served with excellence in the first 6 chapters of Daniel? What did all of these character qualities bring him?
 - How did Daniel react to more opportunity, more responsibility, and more notoriety? Why?

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

- Are you spending time with others who challenge you to be better, or are you spending time with people who drag you down? Are you challenging others to be better? Why or why not? (Some may find these questions confusing... so ask if that indicates a lack of self-awareness?)
- How does it benefit you to be aware of your own strengths? How does it benefit you to know your own weaknesses? Why?
- How do you feel knowing someone supports you? (like a teacher; parent; spouse; child; co-worker; boss) Does their support ever waver? How does it affect you to know that God, the creator of everything in the universe supports you? Why?
- How do you react to more opportunity, responsibility, and notoriety? Why?

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

• Pray for peace as life brings challenges and opposition. Recognize that this brings the opportunity to 1) Glorify God and 2) grow as a person. Thank God for every challenge and opportunity that it brings and ask for the wisdom to recognize it.

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

• Find a verse in the Bible that describes how God sees you and memorize it. Then share it with at least one person that you sense needs to hear it.