

Who Do You (Really) Think You Are?

Part 2

Key Scriptures: Proverbs 4:23; Daniel 6:6-11, 13-23

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

- What was your favorite food when you were 5 years old, and did you pronounce it correctly? What was your favorite food when you were 12 years old? Has it changed, and if so, why?
- What other favorites have changed over time? (Your favorite thing to do? Your favorite place to visit? Your favorite author, movie, or TV show.) What favorites have you consistently had over time? (Favorite sports team? Best friend? Favorite verse in the Bible?) Why?

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

- What was the one thing that everyone knew about Daniel? (from Daniel 6:1-5)
- Because Daniel was “trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent”, how did the administrators and satraps try and trap Daniel and get him killed?
- What did Daniel do in response to this plot? Did he change or compromise? Or did he stay true to God? Why would he do this?
- Was King Darius tricked? What was his fault, if any? What did the King declare about the God of Daniel?

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

- Have you ever been trapped in a poor decision like King Darius was? Was it people you considered friends who influenced you poorly, or people you didn't trust? Tell the story.
- It takes courage to stand up to others when they try and pressure or manipulate you. But when God directs you to do something, are you courageous to stand up to others and do what God wants?
- Daniel could lose his life if he remained faithful to God in prayer, and he still chose to risk it. Why did Daniel make that courageous choice to pray regardless of the King's decree against it? What evidence did he have to trust God?
- If a law was passed that threatened your job, home, freedom, and even life if you followed Jesus, what do you think you would do? Do people in your life know that you are a Christian by what you say, by how you live, by what you do, or even by what you don't do? Which way is best? Why?

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

- Pray that your faith in Jesus is obvious by what you do, say, and even by what you choose not to do.
- Pray for courage like Daniel to stand for Jesus in the face of opposition and challenges.

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

Demonstrate your faith this week:

- Pray before your meal (at school, work, or while you're out).
- Memorize a verse from the Bible and share it with 3 friends.
- Ask others if there was anything you could pray for in their life.
- Text someone about God's love. (John 3:16; 1 John 4:16, 19; Romans 5:8; 1 John 3:1)