

Grace Group Discussion Guide

For the week of August 12-August 18, 2018

Main Thought and Passages:

"Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, ¹⁸and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven." (Daniel 2:17-19 ESV)

"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:19-20 ESV)

- When Daniel was in a tough situation, he called on his friends to pray and seek God about the situation. He didn't handle it on his own but rallied others to pray for the situation.
- Praying to God should be the first thing we do when going through anything in life.

"...Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. ²¹He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; ²²he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him." (Daniel 2:20-22 ESV)

- When a breakthrough happens, we need to acknowledge God and express thanks.
- Along with acknowledging God, we need to continue to trust that He is in control when good or bad things happen in our lives.

"The king declared to Daniel...'Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?' ²⁷Daniel answered the king and said, 'No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, ²⁸but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days...'" (Daniel 2:26-28 ESV)

"...'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:5-7 ESV)

- When difficulties happen with those around us, the best thing to do is point them to God.
- This happens more when we are humbled and know that God has the answers, not us.

Reflection:

- What situation in your life have you gone through where you couldn't handle it on your own, but with the help of others, was able to see a turn around?
- Why do you think we need to build a dependency on God? What are some practical things you could do to develop that dependency?

Prayer:

- Pray that we would be more humble and dependent on God rather than ourselves.
- Pray that God would help us reach our friends at school and our families at home through His grace and power.