

Sermon Discussion Guide 3/10-3/16 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: Fearless in a Godless Culture - Daniel 1:8-21

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance in FellowshipOne / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other. Download/email resources from www.vgroups.org. Source for study guide, covenant, and more.

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

Discuss what changes you have seen in culture in your lifetime. Trends in fashion, music, morals, etc. Anything you would like to see come back? Anything you would like to never see again?

Discussion Questions: (45 mins)

1. Read the focus verses from the sermon together - Daniel 1:8-21. Review the key points Erik noted.
2. Throughout the Bible, we see where God leads & strengthens His people to face adversity and Godless cultures. Read the following verses and see how God reminds us that He will help us be fearless in our culture.
 - a. Psalms 2:1-9; 3:1-8; 23:1-6
 - b. Isaiah 41:10-13
 - c. Jeremiah 1:13-19
 - d. Lamentations 3:55-57
 - e. Haggai 2:4-5
 - f. 2 Timothy 1:7; 3:10-14
 - g. 1 John 4:13-18
3. Above we looked at various changes in culture. Let's think about our culture again. Think about the things faced on a daily basis at work, around the community, on TV, etc.
 - a. What are some cultural things that go against God?
 - b. What things do your children/grandchildren face that was not prevalent during your youth? Similar things?
 - c. Identify some things that scare you or that you are afraid to stand up to from the lists you just made.
 - d. How can you be fearless when you are faced with conforming to or accepting these "Godless" cultural trends. Try to be as specific as possible, keeping in mind what is "acceptable" or "politically correct" in the general workplace, schools, and other public places. How can you encourage others around you or your children/grandchildren to be fearless when facing these things?
 - e. What consequences do you think will follow when you take a stand? Are you afraid of these consequences?
4. (Review for some/New for alternating week meetings) As we continue thinking about testimonies and the impact our story can have, reflect on someone who has shared their story with you. What impact did it have on you? How did God use their story to encourage you or draw you to Him? What was it about their story that moved you?

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

