

Growth Group Lesson 10/23-24

Daniel 2 - Courageous Character Called on

Big idea: God's wisdom and power rules forever

What in the message this weekend stood out to you?

COUNTERFEIT WISDOM AND POWER - Verses 1-12

1. Counterfeit wisdom and power exposed

Read: vs 1-3

How evil was Nebuchadnezzar?

Why did God use a dream with such an evil ruler and not give dreams to a righteous prophet?

Read: Numbers 12:6

2. Counterfeit wisdom challenged

Read: vs 4-7

Why were the astrologers, magicians, sorcerers, and Chaldeans limited in their powers to interpret the dream?

How alive are occult's today? Have you ever been involved with the occult? How did you get out of it?

3. Counterfeit power worthless

Read: vs 8-12

Why was God challenging these occult leaders?

How did they compare their gods to the God of heaven?

CHARACTER WITH WISDOM AND POWER - Verses 12-23

1. Character with wisdom in crises

Read: vs 12-16

Who are these teenagers? Review chapter 1

How do they respond in this crisis? How do you normally respond in crises?

2. Character with power

Read: vs 17-23

Why did they plead to not have their lives taken? Could it be something different than just the fear of death? If so, how?

Do you go to the Lord in prayer with other friends when faced with a big issue? Why or why not?

3. Character with both wisdom and power in action

Read: vs 24-28

Why did Daniel ask that the false teachers have their lives spared?

What should be your attitude towards people who hold to a false ideology?

CAPTURED: THE BIG DREAM REVEALED - Verses 29-46

1. Captured nations

Read: vs 29-43

What does each part of the statue represent?

Why is the Nation of Israel not mentioned?

2. Captured victory

Read: vs 44-46

Why was this part of the dream the most feared part of his dream?

Who is the stone? Read vs45; Is. 28:16; Acts 4:10

What does the mountain mean? Vs 45

What does it mean "not with human hands?" vs 45

CROWNING WISDOM AND POWER Read verses 46-49

What are some of the benefits Daniel and his friends received?

In what way does God reward still today?