

Community group questions
Daniel 1:1-8

Opening question: What is the most “interesting” food you ever ate? What food do you find “disgusting” or refuse to eat?

Scripture study

- Read Daniel 1:1-2. What is happening to the people of Judah and why? (See also 2 Kings 20:16-18 & 24:1-3). What is significant about the wording of Daniel in 1:2, 9, 17? Read Isaiah 40:12-15, 21-23. How do these words help us in troubling times? What truth do we need to remember as we live in an upside-down world?

- Read Daniel 1:3-7. Why was Daniel enlisted in Nebuchadnezzar’s training program? Why might this training be offensive to Daniel? What might we expect as followers of Christ living in this world? Discuss the challenges living in this world as Christ’s followers and the opportunities.

- Read Daniel 1:8. Why did Daniel draw the line here? What pressure was there for Daniel to conform? What are some ways of the world that are at odds with your living out your faith each week? How can we withstand the pressures to conform?

- Discuss these points of application that speak to cooperation without compromise:
Choose your battles wisely

Fight defilement but not every offense

Speak truth in love

Keep the main thing, the main thing

Which of these are most challenging to you?