

Community group questions
Daniel 1:8-21

Opening question: What are some typical situations in which you can become overwhelmed with indecision (doesn't have to be anything "heavy")?

Scripture study

- Principle #1: *God is not looking for people of preference but people of conviction.*
Read Daniel 1:8-14. Share a time when you resolved to do or not to do something that was put to the test. What is needed to follow through on those matters? Compare the way Daniel handles this situation to how we live out our convictions. What are some principles from Colossians 4:5-6 that speak to our conduct before a watching world? How can this be applied to our day-to-day lives?

- Principle #2: *God is not looking for us to control the outcome but to do what is right and leave the results with Him.*
Read Daniel 1:15-17. Make some observations about these verses and what sticks out to you. How was Daniel's decision a step of faith and how did God bless him (and his three friends)? Share a time when you saw God's hand in a decision you made. What blessings came from that decision?

- Principle #3: *God is not looking for influential people He can make faithful, but for faithful people he can make influential.*
Read Daniel 1:18-21. What effect do we see from Daniel's decision in verse 8? From what you know of the book of Daniel, how does God use Daniel going forward? What are some "ordinary" ways God might want to use your faithfulness to influence others?

- Final application: What would it look like for you to live out your faith with conviction and passion?