

Community group questions
Daniel 2:19-49

Opening question: Share a time when you had to go without some modern convenience. What was it like and did it change you in any way?

Scripture study

- Read Daniel 2:18. What was the situation that led to this urgent prayer? When have you had a sense of urgency that led you to pray? What was the outcome?

- Read 2:19-23. What led to this praise? In what way is this praise in advance of Daniel seeing the outcome? How can praising God be more incorporated in your life? What does Daniel praise God for and how can we personalize this praise for our times?

- Read 2:24-35. Notice some contrasts: Daniel and Arioch; Daniel and the king's dream team; the king's false gods and the true God. How does embracing that "there is a God in heaven" (verse 28) help you through the day? How can a proper perspective help you point others to God?

- Read 2:36-49. How do Daniel's words to the king in verse 37 point to God? What do each of the parts of the statue represent? What is different about this 5th kingdom (verses 44-45) and how does knowing this affect how we live? What else do we learn from these verses about this kingdom; Matthew 5:3; Matthew 16:18-19; John 3:3; John 18:36; Acts 14:22; Revelation 11:15-17; 20:4-5?

- Application: How does Daniel 2 encourage you in the time in which we live? What truth do you need to begin and end your day with? How can short term disruptions distort your perspective of God's eternal reality and how can you fight against that?