

# Small Leader Guide:

## Daniel 2 – Jesus the Only King of Kings



### Warm Up

### Opening Prayer & Icebreaker

#### Icebreaker Question:

What's one decision from your late teens or early twenties that you learned the most from (good or bad)?



### Know It

### Review The Sermon

#### Key Points Summary:

- **The Prophecy of Four Kingdoms** - Babylon (gold), Medo-Persia (silver), Greece (bronze), Rome (iron)
- **The Future Ten-Nation Federation** - A coming confederation that will give power to the Antichrist
- **The Eternal Kingdom** - Christ will return as the Rock that crushes all human kingdoms
- **Daniel's Response** - He prayed first, prayed often, and responded with tact
- **Our Choice** - Surrender to Christ now or be crushed by the Rock later

### Discussion Questions

#### Understanding the Text

- What stood out to you most from this sermon? Why?
- Daniel's life was literally on the line, yet he responded with "tact" (v. 14). What does responding with tact look like in our current culture?
- Pastor Todd mentioned that Daniel 2:37-38 says God "has given you sovereignty, power, strength, and glory." What does this teach us about who is ultimately in control of governments and leaders

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- The prophecy in Daniel 2 has proven reliable - four kingdoms rose and fell exactly as predicted. How does fulfilled prophecy strengthen your faith? How should it affect how we view future prophecies?
- We live in an age of "keyboard warriors" where people can say anything without immediate consequences. How should Christians use social media and online platforms differently? What does "tact" look like online?
- Pastor Todd said, "Your vote doesn't determine presidents - God is sovereign." How do we balance civic responsibility with trust in God's sovereignty, especially around election time?



#### Share It

### Personal Application

- Daniel's first response to crisis was to pray with his friends (vv. 17-18). When crisis hits your life, what is typically your FIRST response? How can we make prayer our default rather than our last resort?
- The sermon emphasized "pray first, pray often, and praise." Which of these three is hardest for you? Why?
- We were reminded that we'll give account for every word we speak. Is there anything you've said (in person or online) that you need to repent of? How can this group help you grow in this area?

### Key Takeaways

Write these down and share which one resonates most with you:

- All human kingdoms are temporary and fragile
- Christ's kingdom is certain and reliable
- Prayer should be our first response, not our last resort
- We will give account for every word we speak
- God is sovereign over all leaders and governments
- We must choose now which kingdom we're building our lives on
- The freedom we enjoy today won't exist when Christ returns as King

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**Live It**

### Practical Applications

#### **This Week's Challenge:**

**Choose ONE of the following to practice this week:**

- **Pray First** - Before checking your phone, social media, or news in the morning, spend 10 minutes in prayer
- **Practice Tact** - Before posting anything on social media, ask: "Is this true? Is this kind? Is this necessary?" Delete anything that doesn't pass all three tests
- **Praise Through Difficulty** - Set aside 15 minutes to worship God through music at home, especially if you're going through a hard time
- **Examine Your Kingdom** - Journal about this question: "What kingdom am I building my life on?" Be honest about where you're investing your time, money, and energy
- **Accountability Check** - Review your recent texts, posts, and conversations. Confess and repent of any gossip, slander, or unwise words

### Prayer Focus

**Pray for one another in these areas:**

- For wisdom and tact in how we speak, especially online
- For a deeper prayer life - to pray first and pray often
- For those who haven't surrendered to Christ's lordship
- For those who have strayed from their faith to return
- For readiness for Christ's return
- For current leaders and the upcoming election
- For freedom from regret and shame through repentance

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### **Memory Verse**

#### **Daniel 2:44**

*"In the days of those kings, the God of the heavens will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, and this kingdom will not be left to another people. It will crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, but will itself endure forever."*

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Before Next Week:**

- Read Daniel 3 (the fiery furnace)
- Reflect on areas where culture is pressuring you to "bow down"
- Come prepared to discuss what it means to stand firm in faith

### **Closing Thought**

*"The best thing you could do with your life right now is to surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ and you live for Him and His honor and His glory. And you prepare for the second coming of Jesus Christ."*

**Final Question:** What is one specific way you will live differently this week because of what we discussed today?