

# Small Group Guide:

## Daniel 6 – Faith Over Fear



### Warm Up

#### Opening Prayer

Begin your time together by asking God to illuminate His Word and help you apply the truths from Daniel 6 to your lives.

#### Ice Breaker

Share a time when you had to make a difficult choice between convenience and conviction. What did you decide, and why?



### Know It

#### Key Takeaways from the Sermon

- **God is sovereign** over all earthly powers and authorities.
- **Faithfulness matters** in family, church, and society—regardless of circumstances.
- **Blameless living** means pursuing holiness in a way that others can see.
- **Conviction over compromise:** It's better to die for a conviction than live with a compromise.
- **Daniel points to Jesus:** His deliverance from the lion's den foreshadows Christ's victory over death.

#### Discussion Questions

##### Understanding the Text

- **Context and Background:** Daniel was in his 80s and had served faithfully for over 66 years. What does this teach us about long-term faithfulness to God?
- **The Trap:** Why couldn't the officials find any fault with Daniel except in his devotion to God? What does this reveal about his character?
- **The Edict:** How did the jealous officials manipulate both God's law and the king's authority to trap Daniel? Where do you see similar manipulation happening today?

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### Share It

### Personal Reflection

- **The Mirror Question:** The sermon asked, "When people look at your life, what do they see?" Take a moment of silence, then share: Would others know you're a Christian by observing your daily life? Why or why not?
- **Three Spheres of Service:** The sermon highlighted three areas where we're called to serve:
  - **Family** (1 Timothy 5:8)
  - **Church** (1 Peter 4:10)
  - **Society** (1 Peter 2:13, Colossians 3:23)
    - Which area is easiest for you to serve faithfully? Which is most challenging? Why?
- **Faithful in Good Times:** Daniel prayed three times a day whether things were good or bad. Be honest: When do you pray more—when life is hard or when everything is going well? What does this reveal about your relationship with God?
- **The Conviction Question:** The sermon asked, "What would it take to make you disobey God?" Discuss this honestly as a group. What pressures do you face that tempt you to compromise your faith?

### Connecting to Christ

- **Daniel as a Signpost:** Review the parallels between Daniel and Jesus mentioned in the sermon:
  1. Both were innocent/sinless.
  2. Both were hated by jealous leaders.
  3. Both were condemned through political manipulation.
  4. Both emerged victorious from their "pit".
    - How does seeing Daniel as pointing to Jesus change the way you read this story?

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- **The Greater Deliverance:** The sermon emphasized that "we are all delivered in this life, but even more so in death." How does this truth help you face current difficulties?



Live It

### Practical Applications

#### This Week's Challenge (Choose 1-2)

##### Option 1: The Daniel Discipline

- Commit to praying three times daily this week (morning, midday, evening)
- Journal about what changes when you maintain consistent prayer regardless of circumstances

##### Option 2: Blameless Living Audit

- Ask a trusted friend or family member: "What do you see in my life that reflects Christ? What areas seem inconsistent with my faith?"
- Prayerfully consider their feedback and identify one area for growth.

##### Option 3: Faithful Service Assessment

- Evaluate your faithfulness in the three spheres:
  - **Family:** Am I providing spiritually and materially? Am I leading my household to serve the Lord?
  - **Church:** Am I using my gifts to serve others? Where can I contribute more?
  - **Society:** Am I a productive, light-bearing citizen? Do I work "as unto the Lord"?
    - Choose one area to improve and take one concrete action this week

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### Option 4: Conviction Clarification

- Write down 3-5 non-negotiable convictions you hold as a Christian.
- Identify where you face the most pressure to compromise.
- Share these with an accountability partner and ask them to pray for you.

### Option 5: Gospel Signpost

- Like Daniel pointed to Jesus, identify one person in your life who needs to hear about Christ.
- Pray daily for an opportunity to share the gospel with them.
- Take one step toward building that relationship this week

### Memory Verse

**Daniel 6:10** - "When Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went into his house. The windows in its upstairs room opened toward Jerusalem, and three times a day he got down on his knees, prayed, and gave thanks to his God, just as he had done before."

### Closing Reflection

**The Ultimate Question:** The sermon ended with this challenge: "The question is not will you be brave like Daniel? The bigger question is will you trust the Savior that Daniel is pointing to?"

- Is there anyone in the group who needs to surrender to Jesus for the first time?
- For believers: In what area of your life do you need to trust Jesus more fully right now?



### Prayer

### Pray together:

- For the courage to maintain convictions when facing pressure.
- For faithfulness in family, church, and society.
- For those who don't yet know Jesus.
- For specific needs shared during the discussion.