

Standing Alone!

Thriving In Babylon

Daniel 6

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of October 30th & November 2nd, 2016

Main Point: Integrity is required to stand for Jesus.

CONNECT -----

If you didn't have to work for a living, what would you do?

If you had guaranteed success, what would you try?

What do you dream God will do through your life?

LEARN -----

Have a volunteer read Daniel 6: 3-5

How do you think the administrators and satraps would describe Daniel in today's terms?

Have you ever found that when you begin to excel, other people look for ways to hold you back and tear you down? How should you deal with those who would cheer at your downfall and even try to hasten it?

Verse 5 says the only way the administrators could trap Daniel would be to find a way to use his faith against him. From observing you, what can unbelievers determine about your life? If someone wanted to trap you what would they use?

Privately rate yourselves on a scale of 1 to 10. If someone who knew my innermost thoughts were to rate my ethics, I would score a _____? How about at work? At home? With those who are far from Jesus?

Have a volunteer read Daniel 6: 9-11

How would you describe Daniel's response to the edict that people should only pray to King Darius?

Do you think Daniel's public prayer was wise? Are there times where a better strategy might be to close the windows, draw the curtains, and pray to God in secret?

Have a volunteer read John 3:2

Have you ever been in a situation where all you could do was pray? What was that like?

Verse 10 says Daniel's habit was to pray three times a day. How does that compare to your prayer life?

Many of us have had times in our own life, where we experienced God in the midst of a “lion’s den.” How did that experience change your relationship with Jesus?

Have a volunteer read Daniel 6: 23-24

What saved Daniel?

Do you think the king’s order to have the administrators and their families thrown into the lion’s den was appropriate? Why or why not?

How are we supposed to respond to people who have wronged us?

SERVE -----

Have you ever been in a situation where you were hated even though you’d done no wrong? How did you respond?

What should you do when your relationship with God causes people to hate you?

How can we pray for one another?

PRAY -----

Thank God that He does not leave us or forsake us. Thank Him that even when we feel like we are the only ones who are standing up for what is right, we are never truly alone. Pray for your group members to life with Daniel like integrity.