

Life Group Discussion Guide 18 Sept 2016

Icebreaker

1. Where did you spend your summer? And what did you enjoy the most about it?

Hook Start Now: Turn Your Someday into Today Meeting God Daily! This series explores things we sometimes say, "Oh I will do that someday." But the truth is we need all these things in our life today. Like, meeting up with God daily. The habit of meeting God will keep us connected to the source of our life, salvation, wisdom, hope, comfort, and meaning. We are going to read about Daniel, who kept a habit of meeting God into his 80's and even had a defining moment with God because of it.

Book Read Daniel 6 New Living Translation

1Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province. 2The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests. 3Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire.

4Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. 5So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion."

6So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, "Long live King Darius! 7We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions. 8And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so it cannot be changed, an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked." 9So King Darius signed the law.

10But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

11Then the officials went together to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking for God's help.

12So they went straight to the king and reminded him about his law. "Did you not sign a law that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions?" "Yes," the king replied, "that decision stands; it is an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked."