

ALL IN: Week 2 – We Engage Fearlessly

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision

Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules

Share context of the story *[Provide context by sharing the information below.]*

Prophets saw the day coming when God would allow the Babylonian army to destroy Jerusalem and take the people captive to Babylon. The fall of Jerusalem looked like the pagan gods had triumphed over the true God of Israel, but it was actually a victory for the Lord. The Lord kept His covenant with Israel and fulfilled His promises. God's will shall ultimately be done and His name supremely glorified.

Tell the story – Daniel 1:1-21 *[Have someone tell the story.]*

Rebuild the story *[Group members tell the story together based on what they remember.]*

Read the story out loud *[Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted.]*

Discuss these questions:

1. What do we learn about God from this passage? *[God can allow us to make personal choices and still accomplish His purpose in the world; God allows us to go through difficulties that allow us to express our faith in Him; God is the ultimate Judge; while the world wants to conform us to its image, God wants us to be transformed by His love; God wants us to respect those in authority; God wants us to live at peace with everyone (Romans 12:18); God grants us courage at the very moment we need it; etc.]*
2. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage? *[I often follow the same ungodly patterns as those individuals living without Christ; I need to grow in my love for the Lord and trust Him in difficult times, I need His courage to face problems; I need God to constantly give me wisdom in how to respond to others; I need to continually remind myself of God's presence in my life; I need to read and memorize God's Word and allow it to transform and renew my mind; etc.]*
3. What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?
4. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

Other Questions specific to this passage:

1. How would you describe the traits that differentiate a "conformer" (someone who adjusts to culture) from a "transformer" (someone who changes the world around them)?
2. Describe a time when you or someone you know had to stand up for their beliefs.

Assign Next week's passage – Daniel 2 & 6 *[Ask someone to tell the story next week.]*

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ALL IN: Week 2 – Leadership Coaching

The purpose of this page is to help you sharpen your skills as a Grow Group leader. Each week, we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your Grow Group and grow as a disciple yourself.

Leading *[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]*

Encouragement is an important part of your Grow Group time. Every week, people entering your group have experienced a number of different circumstances. Pray each week before and during Grow Group that God would use your time together to renew and encourage each member. Use scripture verses that remind us of the hope we have in Christ. Remember that people feed off of your positive attitude, and that a smile can go a long way.

Shepherding *[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]*

It is vitally important for you to listen closely to the people in your Grow Group. While sharing, people will often reveal a past or upcoming circumstance that discourages or scares them. When you listen with an open heart, these can become cues to you on ways you can encourage and minister to them in a more personal way. Like we discussed above, encouragement comes in many forms (i.e. prayer, scripture, a meal, a visit, etc.).

Developing *[grow as a disciple yourself]*

Sometimes we get so consumed by our own life that we forget about what those around us are experiencing. As you spend time with God this week, pray that He will give you eyes to see as He does. Here are several verses to remind us that He has created us for relationships. God's heart is for us to encourage one another in those relationships.

Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."