

November 5, 2023 - Thriving in Babylon: The Den of Lions

Feel free to pick and choose some of the questions below to engage with as a group. Before you leave, be sure to spend some time going over the **Top 3** things your group members need to know.

Connect: Robert began the sermon this week by pointing us to Psalm 73, a lament of good things happening to wicked people and bad things happening to good people. We were reminded that Daniel was thrown in the lion's den not for what he did wrong but for what he did right! Robert mentioned, "There's no better opportunity than what you have in your greatest difficulty." How do we often react to difficulties? Can you think of a time when a difficulty in your life became an opportunity?

Engage:

Scene 1: The Worker: Read Daniel 6:3-9

Why do you think that the new king appointed Daniel within his administration to such a high position? Who do you know that you would describe as having an excellent attitude, and why? What kind of attitude would people describe you as having?

Robert gave us a challenge that good work plus good character honors God and inspires others. (Colossians 3:17 and 23) He reminded us that work is not a result of the fall, but we reflect God if we are able to see and use our work as an act of love. What are the characteristics of a good employee? What is your reputation at your workplace? How could you become a better employee?

Scene 2: The Window: Read Daniel 6:10-16

Did Daniel change any of his habits after he heard the law was passed? Why didn't Daniel choose a less confrontational way to worship God for these thirty days? Would it have been right for Daniel to change his routine and pray secretly for 30 days until the decree expired? Why or why not? (Luke 14:26) (Mark 1:35) (Luke 5:15-16)

Scene 3: The Den: Read Daniel 6: 17-24

Without courage, your life will just be a collection of plans and remorse. Why was Daniel not eaten? Why do you think Daniel defended himself after the fact, not before? What happened to his accusers? What does this show about the miraculous nature of Daniel's deliverance? (Psalms 34:7) (Hebrews 11:33)

Apply:

Little acts of obedience to God have a big impact on His kingdom. Wherever you are, where do you need to speak up for God? How can we be light and obedient in our workplaces this week?

Courage is not conjured up in the moment; it's developed through a lifetime of small, consistent decisions. How can you be more consistent day to day so that you can be courageous when necessary?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, We recognize that you are all powerful, that you are our creator and sustainer. That you are capable of all things and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted (Job 42:2) Help us to cultivate an attitude of submission to Your will and a growing faith in Your Word. Lead us to grow in grace and obedience to you in small things so that we may also be found faithful in large things. May we learn to worship You without ceasing, and may You cultivate a prayerful attitude in our hearts and lives.

Top 3:

Go Global Day | November 12

On this day, you can learn about our upcoming 2024 Global Mission Trips. Representatives from our partners will be in the Commons in between services. You will be able to register for our trips or just learn more about them. If you have any interest in going on one of our global trips, we want to encourage you to make extra time to engage in our Go Global Day.

Last Fall Semester On-Campus Group Meetings | November 12-18

The final meetings for all on-campus groups and activities in 2023 will be the week of November 12-18. This allows Groups the opportunity for margin in their schedule to participate in all the seasonal events that are approaching in church life. We encourage you and your group to find ways to connect over the holiday season off campus.

Around the Table | November 29 at 5:30 pm | Homes in Surrounding Area

We want all Groups to be able to participate in **Around the Table** on November 29. This will take place on a Wednesday evening in lieu of a group meeting. It will be a night of meals shared across the Jackson-Metro area and is a way for members to get to know other members who live near them. Encourage your group members to sign up [here](#) or at <https://fcconnect.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/405/responses/new>. Once you're signed up, you will be connected to a host home in your neighborhood.