

October 8, 2023 - Thriving in Babylon: The Dream

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:

What's the weirdest dream you have ever had?

Often, the people who inspire us in life have made wise choices and sometimes tough choices. Discuss this quote from the sermon, "Integrity means doing what you ought to do even if it costs you."

Engage:

Leader - **Read Daniel 2:1-13** out loud.

- What details stand out to you?
- What do these verses reveal about King Nebuchadnezzar?
- What do they reveal about the astrologers in his kingdom?

Group - **Read Daniel 2:14-30**

- What steps did Daniel take when he learned about the king's decree? (Consider highlighting them or creating a list)
- If you were in his shoes, what would you probably do?
- Which of Daniel's actions would be hardest for you?
- What stands out to you in Daniel's words of praise? (Verses 20-23)
- Among the attributes of God he mentions, which one is most encouraging or comforting to you personally right now? Why?

Group - **Read Daniel 2:31-49**

- What observations, questions, or takeaways do you have about the dream and its interpretation?

Apply:

What is something in your life that you can turn from "praise" of yourself and rightly redirect as praise to God? Where are you guilty of taking credit instead of pointing to God?

Read Proverbs 11:3

Look back on your life; when is a time you've seen this verse to be true?

What opportunity do you have now to live out this verse in the coming week?

What are you doing to actively curate a life of integrity?

"People who hoard power and influence are often afraid of the future."

What's something this week that you need to trust God with that has you afraid of the future?

Prayer:

LORD, help us to live a life of integrity. We know you've given us all that we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3-4). Help us to push past insincerity and learn to trust one another with our struggles, sufferings, and sin (1 John 1:7). God, help us to live our life for *your* kingdom and *not* for our own kingdom nor the kingdoms of the world (Mark 1:15).

Top 3:

Child Dedication | Sunday, October 15 at 5pm

Join us as we celebrate a special tradition for families at Fondren Church. Sunday night families will dedicate their children to the Lord and make a commitment to raise their kids to know and follow Jesus.

Fall Fest | October 25 at 5-8pm | Fondren Park

Fall Fest is an annual event where Fondren Church families join with families in our neighborhood for a seasonal celebration. We'll have fun games, candy, and food. Grab your costumes and meet us at Fondren Park!

This year, we're praying to make even more meaningful connections to point people towards participating in the life of our church. If you're interested in strategically making new friends, reach out to Van Hardin at van.hardin@fondrenchurch.com

Matamoros Children's Home Mission Trip | November 18-21

Join us on mission as we serve our partner, Matamoros Children's Home. This is a great opportunity for us to roll up our sleeves and serve MCH. We are calling on men who are willing to spend a few days laboring to put a new roof on a building that will house 8-10 children and their house parents. The roof is our top priority, but we will pick up other manual labor tasks depending on our capacity and the needs of the children's home. No prior skill is required; there will be roles for every skill level and the more technical jobs will be led by MCH employees with our assistance.

You can get more information and register at fondrenchurch.com/events.