

CITYGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OUTSIDERS



Week 6 (week 10 of groups)

Week of March 20, 2016

#CityGroupsTally

REMINDERS for leaders:

- 1) Remember these key reminders as you begin to meet again:
 - Extra Prayer this week. See the bottom of this page for some key specific things that I'd like your group to pray through this week. Spend 20 minutes either at the end or beginning of group and divide up those requests and really seek out God to move in the hearts of people this week. We have such an opportunity, but we desperately need God to do the work that only He can do! Remember, God works through the prayers of his people.
 - The end of the semester is closing in on us, please be making those asks to potential future leaders. One of your roles as a leader is to find an apprentice who you can teach your responsibilities to. My challenge for EVERY group leader is to find someone you can simply teach about leading a group. Ever since Jesus, the gospel has spread and churches have grown by individuals teaching others what they know. Find someone in your group who can learn what you know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for all groups before starting discussion:

DANIEL DEVOTIONAL GUIDE: You can access devotional guides through the grow page on our website or at CityChurchTallahassee.com/Daniel

FASTING THIS FRIDAY: We are asking everyone at City Church to forego meals on Good Friday, March 25, so that we all can devote the day to pray for Easter at the Civic Center. You can read more about "fasting" from our Discipleship Pastor, Craig Stewart at the top of CityGroupsTally.com

BIG IDEA(s):

We have a new king named Belshazzar come into the picture. He makes the same mistakes as his father, Nebuchadnezzar. Beware of generational sin – Neb repented but it doesn't turn out so good for the son here. Repent and trust God before it is too late.

PRAY: Pray for clarity, understanding, and closeness to God through His Word.

READ: Read all of Daniel Chapter 5.

HEAD (10 minutes)

- 1) What is the new King Belshazzar like? Describe him.
- 2) The gold plates and cups used for the feast came from God's temple in Jerusalem. What kind of message does it proclaim to use that tableware for what he did? (v. 3-4)
- 3) What would make Belshazzar so nervous and afraid? (v. 6)
 - A) Have you ever felt this way about something?
- 4) Re-read Daniel's rebuke to Belshazzar in verses 22-23. What similarities do you see in this verse to our present day?

HEART: (15 minutes)

- 1) In what ways have you made the same mistakes as your parents? How have you grown through that?
- 2) What can you learn from King Belshazzar's mistakes? ... What about Daniel's faithfulness? Are you wrestling with any similar things right now?
- 3) Daniel stood in confidence and condemned the King's actions. In what ways are you trying to live faithfully (maybe struggling through) where God has placed you?

HANDS (10 Minutes):

- 1) We are warned that kingdoms of this earth pass away and our time here is short. What does it look like to live your life with urgency knowing that time is short and days are limited?
- 2) Who can we be praying for this week that you have invited to come to Easter?

Take some extra time to pray specifically for Easter at the Civic Center. Pray for these specific things:

- *Pastor Dean's health and clarity in preaching.*
- *The health and endurance of our Worship Leader, Todd Doss and the City Church Band.*
- *People that don't know Jesus who are coming to a church service for the first time in a long time.*
- *People that are regular attendees who are "going through the motions" but desperately need Jesus.*
- *Follow up on decisions that may be made following the service and throughout the week.*
- *Every volunteer in Band, Production, Kids, First Impressions, Care Team, Follow Up Team, Setup and Teardown Teams.*

