

PREACHING CURRICULUM



PREPARE TO BE REWARDED AGAIN! DANIEL 5

"...when we act like God, the very things we create will destroy us...when we act in humility with courage we allow God's power to shine through us..."

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Daniel 5. What was the main reason that judgement came upon Belshazzar and his kingdom? Vs. 22-23

How were the spiritual aspects of his pride manifested? _____

What happens when power, prestige and money are offered to leaders for their advice? What is the problem when God is excluded from governance? _____

How do we so quickly forget the historicity of God's blessing and judgement (like Belshazzar forgetting Daniel vs. 11-12)? What part does sin play in this blinding? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

When you recognize the destructive and insidious nature of pride, how have you perhaps treated God sacrilegiously by serving Him less than you have served yourself? _____

How has subtle idolatry crept in wherein you may have honoured the created, more than you have honoured the Creator? _____

How are you being transformed by the God of power who transformed Daniel's life? _____

What are some of the realities that hold you back from speaking out boldly against sin as Daniel did in Vs. 17-28? How will God overcome these in your life? _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What is the theological truth (repeated throughout history) behind vs. 18-21? How does it apply to us today?

Why do you think Daniel was so blunt vs. 22-23? How must we address the systemic problem within our society emphasizing "niceness" which can run contrary to God's call on our lives and witness? _____

Daniel's example was a reflection of what it means to truly "love your neighbour", (speaking truth to power in love) recognized even by the "powers that be". What are some ways we can speak boldly into culture and to those in our sphere of influence the way Daniel did? _____

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

What's one way this week that you'll commit to showing true love of your neighbour? Remembering that it's not about "niceness" but about speaking truth in love? _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

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