



# Life Group Discussion Guide

## January 11: Daniel 1:1-7 --- Flourishing in Babylon

### Icebreaker:

What's a place or situation where you've felt warmly welcomed despite feeling like, *"I don't quite belong here"*—a new school, job, season, or environment? What made it feel that way?

### Discussion Questions:

*Every group is different! As you prepare, choose the questions that best fit your group, focusing on those that spark meaningful conversation. Don't rush—depth is better than distance. Trust the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion!*

**Big Idea:** Lessons that allowed Daniel to "sing the Lord's song" in a foreign land.

### 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

Take some time either before or after your group discussion to give people the space to share how they might plan on fasting during this next season and what they plan on praying for. Work these prayer requests into your group's time of prayer.

#### 1. Read Daniel 1:1-8

- a. What stands out to you from this passage?
- b. What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?

#### 2. Read Daniel 1:1-2. In this passage, Daniel tells history from a "newspaper" perspective, and from, God's perspective.

- a. How does the way you view the events of your life change when you choose to view them from the perspective of God and not the world?
- b. Can you look back to a time in your life and see how God was moving in a way that the world, and maybe even you, didn't see at the time?

3. **Read Psalm 137:1-4.** In this Psalm, the Israelites ask, "How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign Land?"
  - a. What does it mean for us to sing the songs of the Lord in our lives?
  - b. What makes it difficult for us to sing the songs of the Lord in our world today?
4. **Read Daniel 1:6-7**
  - a. Why do you think Babylon focused on changing the names of these young men?
  - b. There is no record of Daniel or his friends fighting what they were called. Instead, they focused on who they were and the fruit of their lives. How does their response shape the way you think about our interactions with the world?
  - c. What helps you remember who you are in Christ when outside voices try distract and label you differently?
5. **Read Daniel 1:4-5**
  - a. How do you think we can keep honest study and understanding from leading us into compromise?
  - b. Daniel's obedience to God while learning in Babylon were his version of "this far, and no further." What "this far, and no further," look like in your life?
6. In **Daniel 1:8** we read, "Daniel resolved not to defile himself."
  - a. How does choosing God over compromise shape the rest of Daniel's life?
  - b. In what ways does Daniel's resolution of faithfulness affect those around him?
  - c. What could it look like for you to choose God over compromise in your life? What impacts could this decision make on your life and the lives of those around you?
7. What is one thing you think God might be teaching you or calling you to through this passage?

## What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at [lcc.org/whats-happening](https://lcc.org/whats-happening)

### All Campus

- **21 Days of Prayer & Fasting:** January 12 – February 1. [Follow the Plan Online](https://lcc.org/advance/)
- **Night of Worship:** January 12. 6:30pm at each campus.
- **Leadership Community:** February 1. 4:00 – 5:30pm at the Blue Valley Campus.
- **LSM Winter Retreat:** January 23-25. Grades 8-12. At Youthfront West.
- **CIY MIX:** June 14-18. Grades 6-8. At Encounter Cove (Roach, MO).
- **CIY MOVE:** July 6-10. Grades 9-12. At University of Nebraska.
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