

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 4

enduring hope

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

CONNECT

- As a student (of any age) what's one project you worked on that you were really proud of?
- What's something valuable you've lost? It can be valuable in terms of cost or sentiment.
- What's an insight from the book of Daniel you've found really compelling and helpful?

RECAP

Here's an overview of the main ideas from the sermon.

MAIN THEMES

Big Idea: God must make a stump of our pride in order to make us fruitful in exile.

Christ-Connect: Jesus was driven from among men and became unrecognizable, not because of pride like Nebuchadnezzar, but in order to clothe sinners in glory.

Application: We must stop playing the self-glory game and receive the glory God has given us through Jesus.

READ & DISCUSS

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Daniel 4:1-3,24-27

DISCUSS

Like a tree that gets chopped down to a stump, God promised to humble Nebuchadnezzar. The Babylonian king's pride was a danger to himself and those around him, and it had to go. In what ways have you seen pride be dangerous?

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Daniel 4:28–33

DISCUSS

When the king looks out over the city of Babylon, he believes it says something about how glorious and majestic he is. This is how the self-glory game works – you find something to point at to make you feel significant and important. It's easy to see the self-glory game at work in Nebuchadnezzar's life, but what accomplishments, identifiers, or experiences do you tend to point at to feel significant and important?

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Daniel 4:34-26

DISCUSS

God always humbles in order to exalt. Nebuchadnezzar returned to Babylon as a humble, worshipful man. Do you have a hard time believing that God's humbling is intended to exalt you? Why or why not?

PRAYER

Read Isaiah 52:13-15. Spend time meditating on Jesus's humiliating death on the cross. Praise him for the glory he has given us by his grace. Ask God for a posture of humble worship, and that it would make you fruitful in exile.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you read your Bible and prayed consistently the past week?
- Who is one lost person you're praying would come to faith?



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