

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Daniel 4:1-8, 18

Review

- Go around the group with each person introducing the person on their *right* to the other members of the group.
- Describe how you felt when you received an important invitation to a significant event?
- Share about a lesson that you learned the hard way.

Remind

- Who is Nebuchadnezzar writing to (v.1)?
- What had Nebuchadnezzar encountered that had resulted in him writing the letter (v.2)?
- Compare the summary of v.3 with the longer song of praise in Daniel 4:34-35. What phrases are repeated?
- Describe Nebuchadnezzar's life at the start of the story (v.4).
- What was the king's first reaction to the dream (v.5)?
- Who did the king first call to interpret the dream (v.6)?
- Did this first group succeed in interpreting the dream (v.7)?
- What was Daniel's Babylonian name (v.8)?
- What did the king see in Daniel (v.8b and v.18b)?

Respond

- What part does fear play when you worship God?
- *"The king recognised that 'the spirit of the gods' was in Daniel and had given him remarkable wisdom and insight."* What pressures do you think Daniel might have felt standing before the king?
- What kind of burden do you think it would be to know the future and all the hard times that you were going to face over the next seven years?
- If God gave you supernatural insight into a situation, would you share that information? Why, or why not?
- How do people know that the Holy Spirit lives within you?
- You could end by reading together Daniel 4:3

Daniel 4:1-8, 18 (NIVUK)

¹ King Nebuchadnezzar,
To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth:
May you prosper greatly!

² It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders
that the Most High God has performed for me.

³ **How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!
His kingdom is an eternal kingdom;
his dominion endures from generation to generation.**

⁴ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. ⁵ I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me. ⁶ So I commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be brought before me to interpret the dream for me. ⁷ When the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners came, I told them the dream, but they could not interpret it for me. ⁸ Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.)

¹⁸ 'This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had. Now, Belteshazzar, tell me what it means, for none of the wise men in my kingdom can interpret it for me. But you can, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you.'