

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### *Daniel 6:16-28*

#### **Review**

- If you could choose your age forever, what age would you choose and why?
- Describe a time when something has seemed very unfair.
- How have you responded when faced with injustices, or threats to yourself and others?
- When you read this Bible passage, what particular verse or phrase stands out?

#### **Remind**

- What was Daniel's punishment (v.16)? What was Daniel's crime? See Daniel 6:13. Did the punishment fit the crime?
- How was Daniel restrained during his punishment (v.17)? How similar was this to what happened to Jesus? (Matt 27:65-66).
- Did the king sleep while Daniel was being punished (v.18)?
- When did the king go to see Daniel (v.19)?
- Was the king worried about Daniel's fate (v.20)? Why?
- What does Daniel say God did during his punishment (v.22)?
- After being released, how was Daniel physically (v.23)?
- What happened to Daniel's accusers (v.24)? Was this just?
- How did the king reverse the irreversible law (v.25-26)?

#### **Respond**

- How would you have acted if you had been Daniel and prayer had been made illegal?
- Daniel had experiences to look back on to remain convinced of God's faithfulness. What experiences do you look back on to remember God's faithfulness to you?
- Daniel faced lions because of his beliefs. What are the penalties that Christians today face because of their beliefs?
- What do you think is the key to giving God glory no matter what circumstances we experience in life?
- You could end by reading together Daniel 6:22

## **Daniel 6:16-28 (NIVUK)**

<sup>16</sup> So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!'

<sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. <sup>18</sup> Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup> At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup> When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, 'Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?'

<sup>21</sup> Daniel answered, 'May the king live for ever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.'

<sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

<sup>24</sup> At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

<sup>25</sup> Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth:

'May you prosper greatly!

<sup>26</sup> 'I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

'For he is the living God  
and he endures for ever;  
his kingdom will not be destroyed,  
his dominion will never end.

<sup>27</sup> He rescues and he saves;  
he performs signs and wonders  
in the heavens and on the earth.

He has rescued Daniel  
from the power of the lions.'

<sup>28</sup> So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.