

Connect Group Sermon-Based Questions

Meetings January 28th – February 3rd

Daniel 1

1. In the American Constitutional convention of 1787, Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying, *"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth... that God governs in the affairs of men."* **In what ways do you think the process might have gone differently for the formation of our country had Benjamin Franklin be able to call in local clergy for prayers and dedication?**
2. Warren Wiersbe said, *"Even a cursory reading of the Old Testament reveals that the majority of God's people have not always followed the Lord and kept his commandments. It has always been the "faithful remnant" within the Jewish nation that has come through the trials and judgements to maintain the divine covenant and make a new beginning."* **List some of the people that you think of as the faithful remnant of Christianity in our world today?**
3. Daniel and his friends had to determine which parts of the Babylonian culture they could live with and which parts they should stand against. **How do you make that determination in our culture today?**
4. *"The four Jewish students didn't threaten anybody, stage a protest, or try to burn down a building. They simply excelled in their studies, acted like gentlemen, and asked Melzar to test them for ten days by feeding them only water and vegetables."* Warren Wiersbe. **Name some of the challenges in confronting authorities without being unkind or angry.**
5. **What is the most effective way to protest legislation that is contradictory to God's Word in today's world?**