

Lightwave Study Series on Daniel

For small groups



WEEK 5: Daniel in the Lion's Den – The Power of Prayer

Aim: to consider the power of prayer and its effect.

Welcome

What regular routines do you follow each day or week? What makes you stick to them?

Word

Read Daniel 6

1. Daniel's enemies knew just how to trap him (v.5) and exactly when to find him praying (v.11). What does this tell you about Daniel's routines – and his faith?
2. In our society, we aren't confronted with golden idols or orders not to pray. What things/attitudes in society tempt you away from prayer?
3. Daniel and his friends lived lives of quiet nonconformity. They didn't constantly challenge Babylonian culture but they did make a stand when they thought it was really important. How do you decide when you need to make a public stand? What have issues have you made a stand over?
4. Daniel's regular routine of prayer helped him when a crisis came. Have you experienced anything like this?
5. Who else prays in this story? What strikes you about this prayer and the person who prays it?
6. If you had the opportunity to carve out a new routine of daily prayer and your time was not restricted by your home and work circumstances, what would you choose to do to daily find God's presence?

Can you incorporate any aspects of this ideal into your actual daily routine?

Worship

Spend some time in silent prayer, enjoying God's presence

Witness

Share needs for prayer and pray for each other. Continue to pray for those you have invited or wish to invite to any event your group is organising such as an Alpha course.

Decide who is going to lead the various parts of next week's meeting.

DURING THE WEEK

Make a special effort to make space for prayer even if it is just 10 minutes a day.

Study Daniel's prayers in ch 2 and ch9. What does the way Daniel prayed tell you about him and about his faith? What does it tell you about God? What can you learn from these prayers?.