

# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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## Living the Dream

We are in our third message in our Daniel series, which comes from Daniel 2. In Daniel 1, we learned that God gave Daniel a unique gift—a supernatural ability to interpret dreams. Most particularly, dreams or visions from God. This way of connecting with God is not how most of us think about our relationship with God today, but for the ancient nations of the world, including ancient Israel, dreams were seen as a place where God revealed himself and his purposes.

### Read Daniel 2.

- What is your first instinct when things don't go your way or when unexpected trouble shows up in your life?
- What can you learn from Daniel's response to the unexpected trouble that comes his way here (Daniel 2:14-18)?
- Before Daniel presents the interpretation to the king, he takes a moment to praise God. What does this say about Daniel's faith, and how can it speak to yours today (Daniel 2:19-23)?
- What are the core theological truths shared here, and how central are they to the daily practice of your faith (Daniel 2:20-23)? (See also 1 Corinthians 2:6-10)
- What might the change in metals, as the vision progresses, suggest about the strength of the successive kingdoms in this period of history (from Babylon to Rome, from the time of Daniel to the time of Jesus)? What might this suggest about our understanding of human history (Daniel 2:31-33)?
- What is the meaning of the rock or stone that destroyed the image and then grew into a huge mountain that filled the whole earth (Daniel 2:34-35)? (See Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 28:16; Matthew 21:42; Romans 9:33)
- Where do you need wisdom from God today?
- How does God's sure future encourage your living today?

## Praying together

Holy Spirit, give me the vision and strength to live more faithfully where God has placed me today.