

# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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## Daniel and the Lions' Den

Daniel 6 depicts a familiar story from the Bible – Daniel in the Lions' Den. Often, readers focus on the human characters including Daniel, King Darius, and the satraps trying to trap Daniel. In the whole Bible and the book of Daniel, God shows Himself as active, interacting and rescuing His people. Daniel's hope and faithfulness are rooted in the promises of God. What we experience from this story is that God meets us in real life, including in our deepest fears.

- When was a time in your life when you felt scared or uncertain, but saw things work out in a surprising or encouraging way?
- Read Daniel 6:1–9. What observations do you make of the different people engaging in this passage – the satraps, King Darius, and Daniel? What do their actions and thoughts tell you about what they value and believe?
- Read Daniel 6:10. What does Daniel's response of prayer say about what he believes about God and His promises? Can you think of a modern-day example of someone's belief in God shaping how they live?
- What promises of God have brought you hope in life?
- Read Daniel 6:23–28. How does King Darius's response resonate with the other Kings in the book of Daniel, including Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2:47, 4:34) and Belshazzar (Daniel 5:22–30)?
- What fears do you need to surrender to God?
- How would your life change if you believed that God is in control?

## Praying together

Pair up with one or two others of the same gender in your group and pray as Daniel did. Set your minds toward God, your rescue, and spend a moment with him. Perhaps ask him for more trust in his control, or for rescue from something specific in your life.



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