

THE GOD WHO REVEALS

DANIEL 2 | WEEK TWO

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION

Read Daniel 2

MEMORIZE

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;”

—Daniel 2:20-21

CONSIDER

Timothy Keller says of this passage (about Daniel and friends): don’t assimilate, don’t separate, but be deeply involved, engaged in the life of the city (Babylon) as my people, holding onto your monotheistic worldview. Be spiritually bi-cultural. Pray for the city. Love the city of man, for the sake of the city of God.

—The Dream of the Kingdom

Do your peers or advisor encourage you to view the world apart from God? Use Daniel’s prayer as your own for this week as a way to seek God’s kingdom before everything else.

“I wish I had known that today, just as in Daniel’s time, the vessels of the house of God have been mixed into the treasury of the world’s gods. Our problem is not that faith in God is not welcome—it is all too welcome as one more sign that the grand project of assimilation is working.”

—Andy Crouch

“What I Wish I Had Known My Freshman Year of College”

DANIEL 2:1-7

1. How would you describe Nebuchadnezzar in your own words?

DANIEL 2:27-30

5. In your studies and teaching assignments, how much do you rely on a God in heaven who reveals mysteries?

DANIEL 2:8-11

2. How might the Chaldeans' final complaint summarize the fundamental problem of mankind?

DANIEL 2:31-45

6. In light of who Nebuchadnezzar is, why would God bless him (v37)?

3. Have you ever felt you were being asked to do something no one could do? How did you handle it?

7. Describe Daniel's attitude toward the king. Why do you think he speaks to him this way?

DANIEL 2:17-23

4. Reflect on each statement Daniel makes about God in these verses. You could list them all on the back of this page. Does any one of them challenge you more than the rest? Does one of them comfort you more than the rest?