

FOUND WANTING

DANIEL 5 | WEEK FIVE

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION

Read Daniel 5

MEMORIZE

"I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps. Correct me, O Lord, but in justice; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing."

—Jeremiah 10:23-24

CONSIDER

In your devotional time this week dwell on Ephesians 1.

"Because a God who is ultimately most focused on his own glory will be about the business of restoring us, who are all broken images of him. His glory demands it. So we should be thankful for a self-sufficient God whose self-regard is glorious."

— Matt Chandler

"Ninety-five percent of the time the best way to defend absolute truth, if it's Jesus, is to live it."

—Tim Keller

DANIEL 5:1-9

1. Knowing King Belshazzar's party takes place on the eve of their defeat, what is your initial response? Do you condemn them for being caught in their sin? Do you have pity on them?

2. How should a Christian respond to a blasphemous scene like this?

DANIEL 5:10-23

3. Daniel explains that Belshazzar should have learned humility from Nebuchadnezzar's remarkable testimony, recorded in chapter four. He says he was praising worthless gods instead of honoring "the God in whose hand is your breath and whose are all your ways." What does God tell us about guarding our hearts and minds so that we remember him?

4. Have you ever failed to learn from the past? Have you ever worried that a particular unlearned lesson will come back to bite you?

DANIEL 5:24-30

5. The Word of God calls Babylon to account. How does God's Word figure into your research?

6. How does the Word of God keep your pride in check?

7. How does the Word of God give you hope for the future?