

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **October 19, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Great Divide, Part 2."
Please read the sermon passage (Daniel 4:19-37) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

GOD'S SUPREME GREATNESS IS REVEALED THROUGH . . .

1. **The purpose and counsel of his kingdom glory** (19-27)
 - a. In the midst of a world that denies God's reign, Daniel remains faithful to God alone.
 - b. Daniel truly cared about the king who deported him, threatened to kill his friends and denied God.
 - c. God strategically places people in key places to speak on his behalf.
2. **The promises and fulfillments of his kingdom glory** (28-33)
 - a. Fulfillments often take some time: a delay is not a denial.
 - b. King Nebuchadnezzar forgets that his power has come from God. But God reminds him.
3. **The praise and restoration of his kingdom glory** (34-37)
 - a. No matter how bad your circumstances, the most reasonable thing to do is to praise God.
 - b. King Nebuchadnezzar praises God's name for the great things he has done.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Daniel did not want to deliver bad news to his earthly king, even though that king disobeyed and rejected God. Do you seek the best for your godless political leaders? For your godless boss? For your godless neighbor? Do you truly care for them? Discuss.
2. Based on #1, above: God wants to use you as his mouthpiece to your godless coworkers, neighbors and friends. Are you speaking the gospel--are you God's mouthpiece--to them? How can you get better at this?
3. Based on #2, above: Nebuchadnezzar heard the interpretation, but still lived apart from God. What made Nebuchadnezzar ready to finally believe? What will make your friends, neighbors and co-workers ready to believe? (An act of God, the sovereign working of God, more troubles.) If this is so, we must depend on God for conversions and Christian growth. How do you pray for the lost people around you?
4. Based on #3, above: Right theology leads to right psychology. Nebuchadnezzar lifted his eyes to heaven and then his reason returned to him (4:34). Discuss this statement: "Even in the worst of circumstances, the most reasonable thing to do is to praise God." Do you do this?