LIFE GROUP *notes*

08 September

TOPIC: Daniel – week 6

Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member how God delivered Daniel from hungry lions in Daniel chapter 6?

2. What does v.3 tell us about Daniel? **(Daniel became distinguish above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him.).**

3. What happened in v.5? **(The men said, we shall not find any complaint against Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.).**

4. How did Daniel respond in v.10b? **(He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before His God, as done previously.).**

Let's go deeper

5. How did the king respond in v.14? **(He was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And laboured till the sun went down...).**

6. What happened in v.16? **(Then the king commanded and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions.).**

7. What happened to Daniel in v.22? **(My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before Him; and, before you O king....).**

8. How did the king respond in v.26? **(The God of Daniel is the living God, enduring forever, His kingdom shall never be destroyed...).**

Let's apply this

9. Daniel 6:22; **My God** sent His angel and **shut the lions' mouths,** and they have not harmed me, because **I was found blameless before Him**; and, before you O king, I have done no harm.

Daniel was thrown into the pit with hungry lions, and delivered, those who did not trust God were destroyed. You only get delivered if you trust God.

- How has God delivered you in the past?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your God, Savior, and Lord?

SUMMARY:

Daniel: Week 6 – Daniel and the lions den **Read:** Daniel 6:1 – 28

King Darius sets up a brand-new government, new legal, and political system. Previously, this empire was ruled by force, and now it will be ruled by law. Daniel becomes distinguished above the other two high officials in the new government.

vv.1 – 9; Lessons from Daniel who is still a witness for God in his 80's
Being filled with the Holy Spirit and faithful to God, you will be helpful to any leader.
Under pressure, Daniel revealed the character of Jesus Christ.
It is possible to have good character in a bad world, and those who opposed Daniel investigated his life and found nothing or no fault in him.
When God calls you to do something, the devil is going to try and break it.
v.9; Leadership lesson; king Darius makes a bad decision with the wrong info.

vv.10 – 18; What were Daniel's options to respond to the new law?
He could have obeyed the law for 30 days and backslide against God.
He could have fled, and run away, and deny God.
He could have taken a 30-day break from prayer and compromise his faith.
He could have made his prayer and faith a private matter, and pray in his closest.
BUT instead, he prayed to God and trusted God for his future.

Like Daniel, we need people in governmental positions to represent Jesus Christ with integrity and character, to fight for the right of others to worship God freely.

vv.10 – 18; Daniel's prayer life
Your faith should be public, not just private. Daniel did not hide his faith.
When others look down on you, look up to God like Daniel.
Your character is always as strong as your prayer life.
The answer for panic is prayer. You can always turn to God in prayer.

vv.19 – 24; Daniel is delivered in the lions' den
Daniel is thrown into the pit with hungry lions, and is delivered, those who did not know or trusted God were destroyed. You only get delivered if you trust God.

To the men: were the women and children, who were thrown to the lions guilty of anything? No. Men, we make decisions that either deliver or destroy our families.

vv.25 – 28; Daniel learned 6 truths about God
God is global – "all the peoples, nations, and languages… in all the earth."
God is personal – "the living God" God is eternal – "enduring forever"
God is King – "His kingdom shall never be destroyed"
Good is good – "He delivers and rescues" God is Saviour – "He saved Daniel"

Knowing Jesus and making Him known