

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What kind of corruption do you deal with in your daily life?
2. What are some known differences from your unbelieving co-workers?
3. What laws of the land do you see that go against God's Word?
4. What something in your life that could be a sort of lions' den?
5. If prayer was outlawed, how often would you break the law? How about going to church? Reading God's Word?
6. The armor of God in Ephesians 6 includes God's truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, the Word of God and prayer. Which of these do you see Daniel using for protection?
7. Does persecution cause God's people to draw closer to God? Why or why not?

Answers to fill in the blanks:
1. DEFRAUDERS 1) CAPTIVITY 2) IN, OF 3) MESSIAH 4) HEAVEN
2. PRAYER 1) GOD'S WORD 2) DISOBEY
3. PREY 1) SPIRITUAL 2) LIONS' DEN
4. OFFICIAL 1) MIDST 2) JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF 3) DANGERS, SUFFERINGS 4) HELL

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SERMON NOTES

LIVING IN THE LIONS' DEN DANIEL CHAPTER 6

1. DARIUS, DANIEL AND THE _____

Daniel 6:1–5 (CSB)

¹ Darius decided to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, stationed throughout the realm, ² and over them three administrators, including Daniel. These satraps would be accountable to them so that the king would not be defrauded. ³ Daniel distinguished himself above the administrators and satraps because he had an extraordinary spirit, so the king planned to set him over the whole realm. ⁴ The administrators and satraps, therefore, kept trying to find a charge against Daniel regarding the kingdom. But they could find no charge or corruption, for he was trustworthy, and no negligence or corruption was found in him. ⁵ Then these men said, "We will never find any charge against this Daniel unless we find something against him concerning the law of his God."

- 1) King Darius and the Medes and Persians conquered the Babylonians where the Israelites were in _____.
- 2) Daniel was an example of how to be _____ the world, but not _____ the world. (John 17)
- 3) The defrauders were corrupt officials who simply wanted money, yet under the surface were part of Satan's plan to destroy God's people and the coming _____.
- 4) To be Daniels today is to be faithful citizens, but know our true citizenship is in _____. (Philippians 3:20)

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2. THE HIGH CRIME OF _____

Daniel 6:6–9 (CSB)

⁶ So the administrators and satraps went together to the king and said to him, “May King Darius live forever. ⁷ All the administrators of the kingdom, the prefects, satraps, advisers, and governors have agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an edict that for thirty days, anyone who petitions any god or man except you, the king, will be thrown into the lions’ den. ⁸ Therefore, Your Majesty, establish the edict and sign the document so that, as a law of the Medes and Persians, it is irrevocable and cannot be changed.” ⁹ So King Darius signed the written edict.

- 1) In reality it is _____ that is irrevocable and cannot be changed.
- 2) We are to submit to governing authorities unless doing so requires us to _____ God’s Word. (Romans 13:1-7)

3. DANIEL PRAYS, DEFRAUDERS _____

Daniel 6:10–19 (CSB)

¹⁰ When Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went into his house. The windows in its upstairs room opened toward Jerusalem, and three times a day he got down on his knees, prayed, and gave thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel petitioning and imploring his God... ¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you continually serve, rescue you!” ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing in regard to Daniel could be changed.

- 1) Daniel was in serious physical danger, but he was not in any _____ danger.
- 2) The real _____ was not with the lions, but with those who put their seal on the stone.

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4. _____ DINNER AND GUEST OF HONOR

Daniel 6:20–28 (CSB)

²⁰ When he reached the den, he cried out in anguish to Daniel. “Daniel, servant of the living God,” the king said, “has your God, whom you continually serve, been able to rescue you from the lions?” ²¹ Then Daniel spoke with the king: “May the king live forever. ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths; and they haven’t harmed me, for I was found innocent before him. And also before you, Your Majesty, I have not done harm.” ²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to take Daniel out of the den. When Daniel was brought up from the den, he was found to be unharmed, for he trusted in his God. ²⁴ The king then gave the command, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the lions’ den...

- 1) God didn’t deliver Daniel from trouble, but in the _____ of trouble.
- 2) God’s angel here is NONE OTHER THAN - _____ !
- 3) Living in the lions’ den means living for Christ regardless of what _____ or _____ we might face.
- 4) Jesus rescues us from the ultimate lions’ den, eternity in _____.

1 Peter 5:8 (CSB)

⁸ Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a **roaring lion**, looking for anyone he can devour.

2 Timothy 4:17–18 (CSB)

¹⁷ But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that I might fully preach the word and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the **lion’s mouth**. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever! Amen.