

# DISCUSSION NOTES

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*Start by praying and asking for God's help as you seek to grow as authentic followers of Jesus.*

## GETTING STARTED

1. Since this is the first time meeting in a new trimester, spend some time getting to know one another and catching up. What was one high point and one low point of the last month?

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

2. Read Daniel 2:1-12. Make 5-7 quick observations. What words or phrases stand out? Who is present? What is the situation? What is the big idea?
3. Read Daniel 2:14-16. How are Daniel's actions described? What can we learn about how we can interact in friendships with those who are not followers of God?
4. Read Daniel 2:17-18. What can we learn about spiritual friendships?
5. In Daniel 2:18-23, what stands out to you about the importance of prayer?
6. Read Daniel 2:11 and Daniel 2:27-30. How are the verses similar and how are they different?
7. What is the result of Daniel's actions in Daniel 2 (see verses 46-47)?

## LIVING IT OUT

8. What is one thing that you have enjoyed about the Engage series, looking at the lives of Daniel and his friends?
9. Which of the following relationships needs to the most attention in your life? Why?  
3 RELATIONSHIPS TO CULTIVATE:
  - friends outside our faith
  - friends inside our faith
  - friendship with God
10. What do you think it means to live with an attitude of *desperate dependence upon God*?
11. In his sermon, Pastor Jeff described "Prevailing Prayer for God's Kingdom" like this:
  - focused on the need for the power and presence of God
  - focused on God's glory and God's kingdom
  - not focused on individual wants and needs
  - bold, humble, dependent prayer seeking God's will
  - advocates for others and not just self
  - confesses our need for our Savior and Lord
  - desiring others to be saved by God

How are these prayers different from your typical prayers? What is one thing you could do to practice prevailing or kingdom prayers?

12. What is most challenging, convicting, or encouraging for you in this study? Where do you desire to see personal growth this week?