

## ALL IN: Week 1 - Redefining Christianity

### Open in Prayer

### Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision

### Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules

### Share context of the story *(Provide context by sharing the information below)*

In chapters 25 - 28, the prophet Jeremiah describes the 70-year exile that the Israelites were about to experience. Living among the Babylonians would not be easy as they would be mistreated by them and forced to participate in their idolatry. A false prophet named Hananiah sent a message of hope to the exiles saying they would be able to return in two short years. In today's passage, Jeremiah responds to this false prophecy.

### Tell the story - **Jeremiah 29:1-11** *(Have someone tell the story)*

### Rebuild the story *(Group members tell the story together based on what they remember)*

### Read the story out loud *(Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted)*

### Discuss these questions:

1. **What do we learn about God from this passage?** *(God does not abandon us; God has a plan and purpose for us; God wants us to work for the success of our city; God wants us to pray for our city and its leadership; God always speaks truth to us; God allows us to go through difficulties that grow us stronger in our faith (James 1:2-4); God doesn't want us to be deceived but wants us to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ (II Corinthians 10:5); etc.)*
2. **What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?** *(I dislike it when I'm placed in difficult situations that challenge and stretch my faith; I'm distracted by so many things that prevent me from putting Jesus first; I am so grateful that His presence never leaves me; I am hesitant to live out my faith in my work environment where I'm in constant contact with the lost; I often make decisions based on the "temporary" instead of the "eternal"; I am in constant need of God's strength and wisdom; etc.)*
3. **What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?**
4. **In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?**

### Other Questions specific to this passage:

1. **Why was it important that the exiles establish themselves in Babylon (verse 7)? How does this apply to our lives today as we live out the gospel (Matthew 5:16)?**
2. **With whom does the Lord want you to have a gospel-centered conversation?**

**Assign Next week's passage - Daniel 1:1-21** *(Ask someone to tell the story next week.)*

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## ALL IN: Week 2 – We Engage Fearlessly

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### Share context of the story *(Provide context by sharing the information below)*

Prophets saw the day coming when God would allow the Babylonian army to destroy Jerusalem and take the people captive to Babylon. The fall of Jerusalem looked like the pagan gods had triumphed over the true God of Israel, but it was actually a victory for the Lord. The Lord kept His covenant with Israel and fulfilled His promises. God's Will shall ultimately be done and His name supremely glorified.

### Tell the story - Daniel 1:1-21 *(Have someone tell the story)*

### Rebuild the story *(Group members tell the story together based on what they remember)*

### Read the story out loud *(Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted)*

### Discuss these questions:

1. **What do we learn about God from this passage?** *(God can allow us to make personal choices and still accomplish His purpose in the world; God allows us to go through difficulties that allow us to express our faith in Him; God is the ultimate Judge; while the world wants to conform us to its image, God wants us to be transformed by His love; God wants us to respect those in authority; God wants us to live at peace with everyone (Romans 12:18); God grants us courage at the very moment we need it; etc.)*
2. **What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?** *(I often follow the same ungodly patterns as those individuals living without Christ; I need to grow in my love for the Lord and trust Him in difficult times, I need His courage to face problems; I need God to constantly give me wisdom in how to respond to others; I need to continually remind myself of God's presence in my life; I need to read and memorize God's Word and allow it to transform and renew my mind; etc.)*
3. **What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?**
4. **In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?**

### Other Questions specific to this passage:

1. **How would you describe the traits that differentiate a "conformer" (someone who adjusts to culture) from a "transformer" (someone who changes the world around them)?**
2. **Describe a time when you or someone you know had to stand up for their beliefs.**

Assign Next week's passage – Daniel 2 and 6 *(Ask someone to tell the story next week.)*

### Close in Prayer

## ALL IN: Week 3 – We Share Openly

### Open in Prayer

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### Share context of the story *(Provide context by sharing the information below)*

Daniel 2 introduces us to a young boy who has been misplaced in the country of Babylon. While there, God brought him to the attention of King Nebuchadnezzar by giving him the ability to interpret the king's dream. Because of this interpretation, Daniel earned a place in the King's court. We then fast forward to Daniel 6 where that young boy has now grown into a mature older man who has remained faithful to God.

### Tell the story - Daniel 2 *(Have someone tell the story)*

### Rebuild the story *(Group members tell the story together based on what they remember)*

### Read the story out loud *(Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted)*

### Discuss these questions:

1. **What do we learn about God from this passage?** *(God orchestrates every moment of my life with a greater plan in mind; God's glory is displayed when I choose to honor Him; God can provide unexplainable peace in unimaginable circumstances when I am obedient to Him (Philippians 4:6-7); God permits us to go through difficulties that allow us to express our faith in Him; God speaks to us through prayer to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways; God uses the disciple surrendered to Him; etc.)*
2. **What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?** *(I am often faced with choices to either obey God or obey man; as disciples of Jesus, we can face opposition simply by acting in faith toward God; I complicate my decision-making by not taking my needs to God in prayer; I lack perseverance and feel neglected by the Lord; I can become anxious when I don't immediately see the Lord respond; I can become distracted by the momentary pleasures of this world, missing His will for my life; etc.)*
3. **What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?**
4. **In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?**

### Other Questions specific to this passage:

1. **Daniel risked his life to maintain his prayer life with the Lord. What does this teach us about the importance of the time we spend with our Heavenly Father in prayer?**
2. **From observing you, what would unbelievers determine about your life?**

### Assign Next week's passage - Daniel 3 *(Ask someone to tell the story next week.)*

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## ALL IN: Week 4 – We Love Relentlessly

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### Share context of the story *(Provide context by sharing the information below)*

After Daniel interprets King Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Chapter 2 of Daniel, the King places Daniel in charge of Babylon. Daniel then appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego as administrators to the area. In chapter 3, King Nebuchadnezzar builds a golden image and demands everyone bow down before it. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow, trusting in their Lord to protect them.

### Tell the story - Daniel 3 *(Have someone tell the story)*

### Rebuild the story *(Group members tell the story together based on what they remember)*

### Read the story out loud *(Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted)*

### Discuss these questions:

1. **What do we learn about God from this passage?** *(Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6); God's presence is always with us (I Corinthians 6: 19); God sometimes asks us to do things that aren't popular; God cares for His children and honors them when they are true to Him (I Samuel 2:30); God doesn't want us to be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2 ); etc.)*
2. **What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?** *(My false faith withers in times of trial; my true faith takes root and grows during trials, bringing glory to God; I can make prideful decisions like King Nebuchadnezzar; I can place my faith in temporary objects instead of an eternal God; my faith can be swayed when facing opposition; I can have "commercial faith" and follow God as long as I am rewarded in the process; etc.)*
3. **What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?**
4. **In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?**

### Other questions specific to this passage:

1. **Describe situations when you witnessed a fellow believer expressing true faith. What words would you use to characterize that faith?**
2. **How can you develop a faith like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?**

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