



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Kingdoms & Kings: Rebel Without a Pause

Scripture: Daniel 1:8-21

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1. Describe a time when you or someone you know had to stand up for your beliefs as Daniel and his friends did in regard to the king's food.
2. Daniel and his friends had to determine which parts of the Babylonian culture they could live with and which parts they should stand against. How do you make that determination in your own culture?
3. The choice of Daniel and his friend for "vegetables to eat and water to drink" (Daniel 1:12) has become known as "the Daniel diet." Why is this helpful for memory, but as a weight loss plan it does not capture the heart of what Daniel and his friends did?
4. What do you think enables a person to listen to the inner voice of God that tells them who they are above all the voices around telling them who they *should* be?
5. Name some of the challenges in confronting authorities without being unkind or angry.
6. One of the civic privileges we have in the United States is to protest legislation that is contradictory to God's Word? What is the most effective way to do this? How have you done so?
7. How would you describe the traits that differentiate a "conformer" (someone who adjusts to the culture around them) from a "transformer" (someone who changes the world around them)?
8. King Nebuchadnezzar found Daniel and his friends "ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom" (Daniel 1:20). This has become a foundation for the Christian work ethic. How can this be true for you in your place of work?
9. Christians throughout history have brought their best to honor God by their craft in multiple disciplines (art, math, science, architecture, design, etc.). How can Christians return to contributing culturally in this way?
10. In recent years, Christians have removed themselves from cultural engagement. How would Daniel and his friends respond if they were living? How can we be the Daniel and his friends of our day?