



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Kingdoms & Kings: Shook Ones

**Scripture:** Daniel 5

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1. When have you been the most scared? Is there an experience that you can look back on and laugh about now?
2. In what kind of situations do you usually hear people say, "I saw the handwriting on the wall"? Did you make the connection to Daniel 5 prior to this weekend?
3. God stepped into King Belshazzar's life in an incredible way (Daniel 5:5-9). Have you ever experienced God in a similar way in your life?
4. When you notice God's presence in your life, how do you usually respond? Is this something that has changed or grown over time, or has this been a common response from the beginning?
5. What do you think it takes for a Christian to achieve the kind of reputation Daniel had (Daniel 5:10-12)?
6. How could understanding the past (his grandfather, King Nebuchadnezzar, encounters with God in Daniel 2-4) have helped Belshazzar understand the present more clearly?
7. Are there experiences you have had with God that are important for you to pass on to others? Why or why not? How are you doing so?
8. Why are second generation experiences (wealth, spiritual, etc.) so dangerous compared to first hand encounters? How can we ensure each generation of Harbor Trinity Church experiences the presence of God in a personal way?
9. Daniel has a very different response to Belshazzar (Daniel 5:17) than he did with Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:19). Why do you think this is?
10. Like King Belshazzar, our days have been numbered (Psalm 37:18), we have been weighed and found wanting (Romans 3:23), and we will come to an end (Romans 14:10-12). How does this serve as a helpful reflection the grace and mercy of Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23; Romans 8:1-4) and to make the most of our days (Psalm 90:12; Ephesians 5:15-16)?