

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Ordinary Faith in an Extraordinary God

May 29, 2016

Daniel 6

- 1.) Would you describe yourself as an “ordinary” Christian, or do you regularly feel “extraordinary”? What emotions do you wrestle with because of that?
- 2.) What do we learn about the relative power of human leaders and the true King from Darius’ efforts to help Daniel and his comments to Daniel after trying to rescue him (See Daniel 6:14-16)?
- 3.) Read Darius’ proclamation (vv25-27) together. What do we learn about the character of God, and how does this impact our ability to trust him?
- 4.) Will described Daniel’s service in Babylon for 70 years as “day after day, year after year, faithful service in a pagan land with an uncompromising commitment to the true King.” Have you ever felt that way? What would that look like where God has called you?
- 5.) Read Daniel 6:10 together. What do you notice about Daniel’s ordinary praying faith that challenges or helps you in thinking about prayer?
- 6.) Will said, “Daniel reminds us that in the kingdom of the true King, greatness/heroism looks like bowing down, not stepping up ... Greatness is faithful dependence.” How does that encourage you? Is that the way you usually think of greatness?
- 7.) Does your private relationship with God prepare you for public faithfulness to God? What could your faith look like in peaceful times that would prepare you for trusting God when crisis comes?
- 8.) In what ways after this morning would you tell the story of Daniel and the Lions’ Den differently to your kids? Who else needs to hear your “ordinary” story of God’s extraordinary deliverance?
- 9.) Will closed with several examples of “ordinary faith in an extraordinary God” from Southwood currently as well as church history. Which one did you connect with the most? In what ways do you see in your own story the same story Daniel (and Darius) knew needed to be told to everyone?



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