Small Group Discussion

When Security Cracks

Character Study: Daniel (Daniel 1, Daniel 6)

Getting Started

- Is it difficult to make yourself at home when you are in someone else's house? E.g. How long before you feel comfortable having "refrigerator privileges?"
- What is your gut response in the face of unexpected pain or suffering?

Static Questions

- ***What was the passage about?***
    - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
    - Pay attention to the main *points* of the passage.

- ***What did you learn?***
    - What did the passage reveal about God? About people?
    - Was there a promise or command or a warning?
    - What is the big idea of the passage?
    - What lessons do you see?

- ***How will you apply it?***
    - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
    - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this message?
    - How should you respond based on what you learned?

From the Teaching this Morning

- What stood out to you from this morning's message?
- After getting a snapshot of what it was like for Daniel and his friends to live in exile, do you think there is any comparison we can draw for the Christian life? Is there a way the Christian walk can feel like an exile of sorts?
- What lessons can we learn from the character of Daniel that we could apply to our lives right now in late 2020 Dallas?

Application Questions & Suggestions

- When things become chaotic in your life and your circumstances are radically altered, where do you place your hope by default?
- Take some time as a Sabbath practice as a group today, and individually later today to pray for unity in our city and our nation as we face a tumultuous election. May we, like Daniel, have the consistency of character in every aspect of our lives even when things do not go as we hoped they would.
- Daniel's hope was not in Kings, submission to ungodly laws, or in his own strength. But in the faithfulness of his God. Whether he received death or life, he was at peace. May we face every crisis with the same bedrock of faith!