

Daniel Series – Week 1 Chase Gardner

Main Idea: Whenever God has you in a hostile culture, He wants to introduce the culture of His Kingdom through you.

Starter: Share a time when you felt challenged by the culture around you and how you responded.

Discuss:

1. Why do you think God sometimes places His followers in hostile cultures or environments?
2. What aspects of our current culture contradict the values of God's Kingdom? How can we respond to these challenges?
3. In what ways can we practice respectful non-participation when faced with cultural expectations that go against our beliefs?
4. How can we show humility and respect while still holding firm to our convictions and values?

Scripture: Read Daniel 1:1-21 and discuss:

- What lessons can we learn from Daniel and his friends' actions in the face of adversity?
- How does their experience relate to the main idea of introducing God's Kingdom culture in a hostile world?
- How does the conviction of Daniel and his friends impact their actions and the results of their actions?

Apply:

1. Discuss the concept of "respectful non-participation" and how it can be applied in your daily life.
2. Identify areas in your life where you can introduce God's Kingdom culture more intentionally, whether at work, home, or in your community.
3. How will you respond when faced with cultural pressure to compromise your beliefs and values?
4. Pray for God's wisdom, courage, and guidance to live as Kingdom representatives in your current culture.

Remember, God has placed each of us in specific environments for a purpose. By embodying His Kingdom culture, we can impact those around us and bring light to even the darkest places. Let's encourage and support one another as we strive to live as Christ's ambassadors in this world.

