



Session

Big Idea:

Godly men have their priorities in alignment with God's priorities

GROUP OPENER

Who has been the most influential man that you have known personally in your life? What made them so influential?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read Daniel 1 Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

ACTION STEPS

I will statement...

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share your "I Will" statement with the group.

As a Group

Have someone in your group use a piece of paper to record answers to this question. What does a "real man", look like, sound like, and act like? Which of the answers you gave are cultural and which are biblical?

Jon listed 6 ways men are biblically called to engage.

Grow by crucifying our emotions and appetites.

Provide for others.

Protect the people that matter to them.

Lead with character.

We restore by bringing life.

Stay focused and be determined to avoid distraction.

Which of these do you see Daniel exemplifying in the passage you read today?

Studies have been done that prove much of societies brokenness comes from men failing to live up to the 6 characteristics above. Our culture has chosen to meline and focus on these failures. What positive ways can your group encourage the Godly character of men you know?

On Your Own

What can you do to encourage men around you to help align their priorities with God.

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