




WHERE IS GOD IN MY EXILE? DISCUSSION QUESTIONS


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1 What situations in your life right now are you finding it hardest, or even feeling like it's impossible, to remain faithful to God?

 *In our pluralistic society, we as Christians can be pressured to do things we feel are inconsistent with our faith. Can you think of an example of this?*

 *What was Daniel's position at the start of the book? How does reflecting on that position encourage you in those times? [1]*


 *How would you distinguish between your worldview and that of the culture around you? Is there any difference? What beliefs, assumptions, presuppositions, or answers to ultimate questions are clearly different?*

 *How does (Rom. 12:1-2) help your heart in the challenges of isolation, indoctrination, assimilation, or confusion as the world tries to press you into its mold?*


2 The Lord's hand is behind all events in our world. How does that truth bring comfort?

 *What situations (whether in your own life or in current world events) do you need to view through that truth?*

 *Take a moment to acknowledge the sovereignty of God on both the stage of world history and in the details of your own life.*

 *God uses people and powers outside of the church to cause Christians to turn back to him. What is an example of how you've seen that to be true?[2]*

3 Daniel and his friends had to determine which parts of the Babylonian culture they could live with and which parts they should stand against. What helps to guide your thinking in determining that in your own culture?

 *Take time to discuss the following NT images of the people of God. What does each mean and how does it help you respond to the culture around you? Exiles (1 Peter 1:1, 17). Aliens and strangers (1 Peter 2:11). Citizens of a heavenly kingdom (Phil 3:20). A heavenly city (Heb 13:11-16).*

