





- 1 **When Daniel and his friends were faced with an impossible situation in Daniel 2, how did they handle it?** Think not just about what they did, but also how and why they did it.

 *What would that kind of faith look like in our day when facing an uncertain future?*

 *How has uncertainty brought anxiety or fear in your life?*


 *What has helped you in times of anxiety or fear? What spiritual coping strategies have you heard of or found most helpful?*

 *Discuss the role of prayer in the midst of uncertain or impossible situations. What would it look like to come to deeper dependence upon God for the future?*


- 2 **When intense circumstances invade your life, unexpected difficulties come your way, or an impossible situation turns things upside down, what do you do?** How do you normally respond? Does the stress and strain impact your sleep, eating, breathing, etc.?

 *In a moment of intense crisis, Daniel prayed and then went to sleep (Dan. 2:17-19). Take a look at Psalm 3:4-6, 4:8, 127:2. What lessons can you learn from Daniel and the psalmist about a response of faith?*

- 3 **How do you think the people of the world generally see God--as a ruler, a benevolent creator, one of many divine beings, or some nebulous force?**

 *What is the connection between the amount of anxiety and stress in our world and its predominant views of God?*

 *When we have a proper view of God's kingship, we can turn from stressing and worrying, and instead rejoice and submit to his rule.*

 *How can you cultivate a greater knowledge and a more consistent meditation upon the kingship of God? Think practically about what it means to acknowledge the reign and rule of Christ (think through some key words – obey, submit, rely, expect, praise). See also Psalm 47:7, 93:1-5, 96:4-5*

4 When the wisemen of Babylon faced a critical juncture where life and death hung in the balance, Daniel was in a position to do something.

♥ Your position and place in life is also an opportunity to influence others for Christ. When are you most tempted to forget or doubt that truth?

⚙ How can you practically take advantage of where God has put you to exalt his name and advance his kingdom?

5 There is a special focus on praise in Daniel 2. When God blessed Daniel, he didn't rush from the solution to the next item on his list. Instead, he took time to worship.

⚙ Is Daniel the only one who owes praise to God? Why or why not?

📖 You see Daniel praise the true and living God in Dan. 2:20-23, and you see Nebuchadnezzar praise him as well in Dan. 2:47. What do these two segments reveals about the character and activity of God?

♥ What timely and personal applications of praise can you link God's character and activity to in your life circumstances? List a few below.

6 Daniel catches our attention, because he doesn't take personal credit for great accomplishments (Dan. 2:27-28). And, he doesn't forget his friends when he is honored (Dan. 2:49).

⚙ What can you learn from his example about redirecting glory and sharing honor?

♥ What would that look like in your own life? Think of family, work, or school scenarios.

7 In light of an election year, it might be helpful to meditate on the King and his kingdom.

⚙ How can meditating on God's sovereignty over human government (Dan. 2:21), earthly empire's ultimate demise (Dan. 2:34-35), and God's kingdom's final supremacy (Dan. 2:44) help you navigate the political tension and chaos that characterizes this season?

📖 What are some other passages of scripture or examples from the Bible that can help? (see also

PRAYER REQUESTS
