



Group Discussion Guide: The Deliverance of God | July 4, 2021

(~90 minutes needed)

Begin with Scripture + prayer (5-10 minutes)

Read all of Daniel 6 to begin your time together. *This week's topic is "The Deliverance of God" so the purpose of this reading is to see how God can deliver us when we make the choice to follow God over culture, and how God is praised when we are faithful.*

After you finish reading the Scripture, have a specified person in the group pray for your time together – that your conversation, your words, etc. will be pleasing to God and uplifting to others.

Stay together to answer these questions as a debrief of the sermon (40 minutes). *There are several questions here, pick some out that you think your group needs to talk through.*

- What resonated with you from this week's sermon? What challenged you?
- How did Daniel handle his circumstances to remain faithful to God? What circumstances do you face where your faithfulness can be a witness?
- What aspect of Daniel's behavior do you most identify with? Practicing integrity, expecting the hostility of culture, or trusting the sovereignty of God? What area do you want to grow in?
- Daniel was targeted because of his devotion to God and because of his honor. Have you encountered resistance due to your faith? How did your response impact your journey?
- Daniel had a friend (who just so happened to be the king) on his side (Daniel 6:14). How did his friend respond to Daniel's situation? Who are your friends who are by your side? How do they support you? How might you be able to support them?
- Daniel prayed every day, three times per day, for 70 years. That's 75,000 instances of prayer. What tangible steps can you take to create a habit of holiness this week?
- Daniel's prayer life was the start of his trouble, but it was also the start of his deliverance. In what way is God inviting you to a deeper prayer life? What can you do this week to



accept that invitation? What are some ways that prayer can become a trademark of this group?

- Have there been instances in your life you've trusted in God's sovereignty, despite difficult circumstances? What was the result of that trust?
- God's deliverance doesn't always mean he saves us from our difficult circumstances. In what other ways has God delivered you? What part does Jesus play in that deliverance?
- How did the king respond to God's deliverance of Daniel? Share about a time that God's work in your life was a witness to those around you.

Transition to smaller same-gender groups for accountability (10-20 minutes). *Ask some of the questions below to hold one another accountable. Don't feel like you have to use this list like a checklist. If needed, feel free to stop, dive deeper, and pray over one another.*

- Are you struggling with your faithfulness to God in any areas of life? What is the situation and how are you doing?
- What has your prayer time been like this week?
- What has your time in Scripture been like this week?
- In what ways have you wrestled with temptation this week?
- How can we pray for you?

Finish with intercessory prayer in your split groups (10 minutes)

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.