

## **Wisdom & Power** (Daniel 2)

When we find ourselves in a crisis situation, where can we find the help we need? When we don't have answers, where can we find the wisdom that will guide us? In Daniel 2, we find an impossible scenario for Daniel and his friends, and yet they cry out to the One who possesses all wisdom and power; the One that enables us to live faithfully in the place He has called us.

### **1. Wisdom and power belong to God**

- Any wisdom and ability is a gift from God
- Daniel and his friends face an impossible scenario, and yet they know where to go for wisdom

### **2. God's kingdom is our only hope**

- Isaiah 8:14-15; 1 Cor. 15:24
- Whether we are suffering or prospering, the beauty of the kingdom of Jesus is our only hope

**QUESTIONS** (Pray, read the passage and pick 4-5 questions to discuss. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide.)

1. Read Daniel 2:5-6,10-11. Have you ever faced a crisis situation, something that seemed humanly impossible?
2. Daniel had faith and hope, even when everyone else saw no way forward. How can the believer in Jesus maintain faith and hope in the worst of situations?
3. Daniel and his friends don't have the resources needed to fulfill the king's request, but they know what to do and where to go. Do we really believe prayer is where all wisdom and power is found?
4. Read Daniel 2:36-40,44-45. Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian kingdom was great. And yet, like every other power, it was passing away and not as big as it might seem. What implications does this have for our confidence in our nation and our hopes for this election? How does one eye towards the future keep us grounded?
5. Jesus is the Rock, not made with human hands, who will put an end to all human government and set up the perfect, eternal kingdom of God on earth. How does this inspire you with hope and courage?
6. Are there any ways that you have been like Nebuchadnezzar - trusting in yourself or your resources for wisdom and power?
7. Pray a prayer of worship to God framed by Daniel 2:20-23.