

# “WHEN CULTURE SHIFTS”

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## MESSAGE RECAP

This week we started a new series walking through the life of Daniel. The book of Daniel is a guide for how people can live in a godless culture then and now. We live in a world that continues to become more and more godless and how the strategies of Babylon are still playing themselves out in our world. We are called to be different than the world around us (1 Peter 2:11-12). It's the small choices no one sees that make the biggest impact. Daniel decided not to defile himself (Daniel 1:8). The resolutions we make today determine the stories we tell tomorrow.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. After listening to the message, what stood out to you? Why?
2. Read [Daniel 1:1-7](#). In what ways do you see God's justice and His mercy at work? Talk through the realities of being besieged and in a foreign place as a teenager.
3. Read [Daniel 1:8](#). This verse is key for everything we read going forward. “The resolutions we make today determine the stories we tell tomorrow.” What resolutions do you need to consider in your life today? Read [James 4:7-8](#).
4. Read [1 Peter 2:11-12](#). Why is it that we forget we are exiles in this world? How do we balance the line between hiding in the world and involvement in the world?
5. Dave talked through the “Spirit of Babylon” and how it's continually at war with the world (Revelation 14:8). There are 4 Key Babylonian strategies we talked about. Talk through each of them and share some insights. Which ones are you seeing played out in your home, your community, and your life.
  - a. Babylonian strategy #1 Separation and Isolation, #2 Deconstruction of Family, #3 Indoctrination, and #4 Identity.

## PRAY

*End your group time in prayer.*