

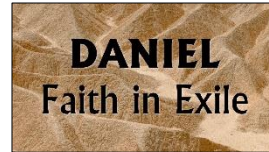
## God in Exile

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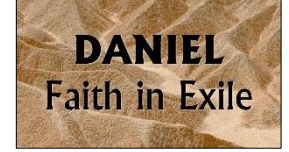
## NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion\*



- What is the furthest you have been from your home? How did it feel to be that far away?
- Read *Daniel 1:1-21*. What do you imagine that Daniel and the others experienced as they were taken into exile? What might they be thinking, feeling, and doing?
- Who is responsible for the defeat of King Jehoiakim, the fall of Jerusalem, and the deportations? What insights does this give into God's will and human agency?
- What requirements are placed upon Daniel and his compatriots? What would be the net effect? Why are the Babylonians doing this?
- What does Daniel resolve to do and why? Where does God work in response, and what does that reveal about God?
- Although we live in a different place and time than Daniel, what forces nonetheless seek to enculturate and shape us after their own image? Where do you experience tension between being "*in* the world, but not *of* the world"?
- When have you, like Daniel, resolved to do or not do something in order to remain pure and faithful to God? What happened?
- How can the evidence of God's sovereignty and grace in Daniel's world give you comfort and courage amid the chaos of our world?
- Is there a resolution you feel called to make in response to what you hear God saying to you in Daniel 1? How will you respond? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

\*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.