God Most High Daniel 4

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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- When you have trouble sleeping, what do you do?
- Read *Daniel 4:1-18*. What is Nebuchadnezzar's reason for writing his letter? What are the significant details in the dream he describes? What might they mean or symbolize?
- How does King Nebuchadnezzar's effort to find the meaning of this dream differ from his earlier one in chapter 2? What might account for the difference?
- Read Daniel 4:19-27. Why might Daniel have been frightened initially? How would you characterize the tone of Daniel's response to the king? What does that indicate to you?
- In his interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, what does Daniel minimize and what does he emphasize? Based on Daniel's advice, what must Nebuchadnezzar change?
- Read Daniel 4:28-37. What precipitates the fulfillment of Nebuchadnezzar's dream? What leads to his restoration?
- How does Nebuchadnezzar's experience change him and his understanding of God? What do you see as evidence of this?
- How does the repeated refrain in 4:17, 25, and 32 point to the deeper meaning of this story? How is this a vital message both for Daniel's first readers and for us?
- How would you compare and contrast the Kingdom of Babylon ruled by Nebuchadnezzar and the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus Christ?
- What do you hear God saying through this Scripture? How do you feel led to 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.