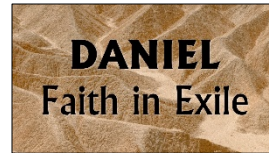


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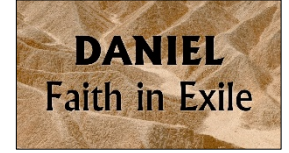


**NOTES**

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Suggested Questions for Individual  
Study or Group Discussion\*



- What is one of the largest banquets or receptions you have attended? What was the occasion?
- Read *Daniel 5:1-31*. How is this chapter related to the previous chapter? Where do you see connections between them?
- Given the abrupt ending of the story (5:30-31), what is likely happening outside the city while the king wines and dines?
- If you were a guest at King Belshazzar's banquet, what might you have thought and felt as the events unfolded? What lasting impressions and questions would remain afterward?
- What might the king's reaction to the hand writing on the wall reveal about him?
- Based on their interaction, how do you think the king and Daniel viewed one another? Why is that?
- How is Belshazzar similar to and also different from Nebuchadnezzar?
- How does Daniel apply to Belshazzar the meaning of the words on the wall? Of what is Belshazzar guilty? What will be the fate of not only the king but also his subjects?
- What can we learn about God's character and power from Daniel 5? How can these truths shape your view of our world today and God's work in it?
- Where in our society today do you see people mocking what is sacred? How should followers of Jesus respond?
- 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.