

DO NOT COMPLY

A STUDY THROUGH DANIEL



WEEK 6: NOT OF THIS WORLD (DANIEL 5)

WELCOME

What's one of the best parties that you've attended? What made the party fun and memorable?

WORSHIP

As a group, devote some time to the following question: What steps can you take this week to attune your heart to hear from God, whether through His Word or through prayer?

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WORD

1. How do you see “the writing on the wall” playing out in modern culture today, where warnings of consequences are often ignored?

2. Why do you think Belshazzar chose to defile the sacred vessels from the temple (*Daniel 5:1-4, 23*)? What does this show about his attitude toward God?

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3. What role does the queen play in recognizing Daniel's wisdom, and how does this contrast with the failure of the king's wise men (*Daniel 5:7-12*)?

4. How does Daniel interpret the phrase "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin" (*Daniel 5:24-28*). How does the phrase reflect the immediate judgment Belshazzar faced?

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5. Share about a moment in your life when you sensed God warning you, similar to the “writing on the wall”? How did you respond?

6. In ***Daniel 5:17***, how does Daniel’s refusal of Belshazzar’s gifts reflect his devotion to God rather than earthly rewards?

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7. What can we learn from Daniel's courage in delivering God's message, even when it was unwelcome?

WITNESS

Update the group on the person that you are trying to talk to about Jesus.

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PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

1. Memorize a verse from **Daniel 5** that sticks out to you.
2. Read **Daniel 5** every day this week in one setting (try reading it in a different translation every day in the **Bible App** or **Bible Gateway**).
3. Read **Daniel 5:25-28; 2 Samuel 12:7-10; Psalm 50:16-17; Hebrews 4:12-13**
 - What do these passages reveal about God's judgment and accountability for sin?
 - How do these verses help us understand the meaning of the inscription on the wall for Belshazzar?
 - Reflect on areas of your life where you need to take God's warnings seriously.
4. Read **Daniel 5:10-17; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ephesians 4:15; 2 Timothy 4:2-5**
 - What do these passages say about speaking truth in difficult situations?
 - How does Daniel's response to Belshazzar's offer of rewards reflect his commitment to speaking truth?
 - What challenges do you face in speaking truth, and how can you apply Daniel's example?