

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

The Chase

Week 4: Hitting Rock Bottom
Daniel Chapter 4

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Have you ever felt hopeless? Sometimes it takes hitting rock bottom to finally come to our senses. It happened to King Nebuchadnezzar and could happen to any of us. How then should we respond?

Kicking It Off:

If your life were literally flashing before your eyes, what are three moments from your past that you would expect to stand out?

Discussion:

1. Dave described **a warning** that Daniel gave to King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:27. What was the essence of this message to the king?

“Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”

2. What does Scripture have to say about people who sin in Romans 3:23? Why does that matter, according to Romans 5:8 and Romans 6:23?

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23)

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
(Romans 5:8)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

3. How would you describe **the hope** we find in Jesus throughout God’s Word, especially considering the total transformation we begin to see in Daniel 4:34a?

“At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.”

4. What was **the purpose** Dave discussed in studying how someone’s life can be radically changed, even if they are far from God? In reading Daniel 4:37, how does God handle people with pride?

“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.”

5. After hearing both King Nebuchadnezzar and General Butt Naked’s faith stories, how do you think God connects the prayers of His people to those who need to hear the power of the good news? Who do you think prayed for you? And who is God calling you to pray for now?

Wrapping Up:

Dave shared that when we turn toward God, He is willing, able, and wanting to restore us to a relationship with Him that lasts forever. Pray that each member of your group will turn and fully surrender their life to Jesus — and, like Daniel, lead others to do the same.