



## *Daniel 6 - The Lion's Den*

### Small Group Work Sheet

January 20, 2013

### **Part 1 - Ice Breaker**

Many consider the story of Daniel in the Lion's den one of the most famous in the Bible. How old were you when you first heard it?

### **Part 2 - Sermon Review**

1. What was most memorable from the sermon?
2. Read Daniel 6:1-9. What was the problem Darius faced as he ruled his new empire? Why was Daniel particularly irritating to those with whom he worked?
3. Read Daniel 6:10-17 and Acts 5:28-29. The laws of the land were in conflict with the laws of God. Can you think of any current examples? (*Our new current health care plan*) What can be learned from Daniel 6 when facing faith and law conflicts?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-8. What would have happened to Daniel if God chose not to deliver him?
5. Who do you think shut the lion's mouths? Why?
6. Read Daniel 6:22-23. Was Daniel saved because of the holiness in his life or the faith in his God? What does this teach us about how to become a man or woman of great impact for God?
7. Read 1 Kings 8:28-30, 38-39, 46-51. Daniel was praying toward Jerusalem while in exile. From these verses, what do you think was the focus of his prayer life? In what ways should Daniel's example help form our prayer life today?
8. Read Daniel 6:28 and Ezra 1:1-3. Did Daniel live to see the answer to his life-long prayer? Should we keep on praying over issues when years go by and God does not appear to be listening?
9. How would you answer a health-wealth-and-prosperity preacher who believes Daniel 6 teaches us that if we live a good life God will protect us from problems?



### **Part 3 - Digging Deeper**

10. What does this story teach us about "retirement?"