



The Daniel Dilemma

Big Idea

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We're in a series called "The Daniel Dilemma" to teach us how to stand firm and love well in a culture of compromise. As we walk through our daily lives, it can feel like we are constantly battered with competing messages through our televisions, radios, social media, and even our friends and family. The fact is, the enemy has an agenda and uses culture in an effort to influence the way we think and feel. Each of us should answer this question: **Will I change the world or will the world change me?** More importantly, has the world and its culture changed me.

In this week's message, titled Worship, we learned that the enemy wants to trick us into worshipping the wrong thing and then will try and force us to not worship the right thing. Our dilemma was Daniel's dilemma and we must wrestle with **two questions: Who will you worship? What will it take to stop your worship?** Worship is culture's greatest test! In this message we learned how four men had to choose between worshipping what culture said they should worship or face death.

How will we know if we're worshipping God as we should? Pastor Curt shared a worship checklist from **Mark 12:30 - Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul** This has to do with our affection - What do you LOVE the most? **all your mind**, This has to do with our attention - what do we think about the most? **and all your strength**. This has to do with our abilities - What do I do the most?

Discussion Questions

- We will worship someone or something. It could even be ourselves. What does our culture say to worship? Read Daniel 3:1-6 then discuss how the devil wants to trick us into worshipping the wrong thing.
- Read Daniel 6:5-9 then discuss how the devil wants to force us into not worshipping the right thing.
- Daniel's dilemma is our dilemma, it's our test - will we worship Jesus Christ? What happened to the three men in Daniel 3 and what happened to Daniel in Daniel 6?
- Based on the discussion from the above questions, take the worship checklist: What do you love the most? What do you think about the most? What do you do the most?

Prayer Focus

Ask God to reveal the ways culture has influenced your worship. Ask Him to grow you to become more like Jesus each day so that you can resist cultural temptations and be a godly example to those around you.

Next Steps

Take some time this week to identify the things you might be worshipping apart from Jesus. Make a commitment to take the Worship Checklist, and take practical steps to align your daily walk with God. Share your checklist with a close friend, and ask them to hold you accountable.

Leader Tip

Share with your Group how your "worship" makes a difference in your journey toward your purpose. What barriers does that "worship" eliminate in your daily life? How might God use your worship and your story to bring freedom to others?