



The Daniel Dilemma

Big Idea

Pastor Curt - 6

We concluded the series called "The Daniel Dilemma" to teach us how to stand firm and love well in a culture of compromise. Our enemy has an agenda and uses culture in an effort to influence the way we think and feel. Each of us should wrestle with this question: Will I change the world, or will the world change me?

Are we living in the last times that the Bible talks about? Pastor Curt shared from the Bible that we are close to the return of and Jesus the last 7 years of earth as we know it. He talked about the "abomination that causes desolation", prophecy already fulfilled and unfulfilled prophecy, and how to live a practical life as a believer in Jesus.

So then, how do we live an effective life for Jesus? Since everything will be destroyed in this way, **what kind of people should we be?** Peter wrote to believers who were suffering and stated - You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. 2 Peter 3:11 **Here are three things we need to do: 1) We have to be different, set apart for Jesus, 2) we need to be ready and prioritize our lives, and 3) we should be effectively MAD (making a difference) shining and showing the love of Jesus to all around us.** What if we are the last generation before the return of Jesus! You are alive right now because God has planned it – so live out God’s plan for you!

Discussion Questions

- The Lord holds the future of all our lives in His hands. Discuss how the key to understanding our own life lies in knowing the Father who knows every detail of our lives.
- God gives us warning signs to help grow us and protect us. Why do you believe we're so inclined to ignore those warning signs?
- Often, we find ourselves so busy and our world so loud, that we realize we aren't hearing from God. Discuss the idea that He's always speaking, but our world is too loud to hear Him. What can we do to be able to hear God more clearly?
- Are you living your life with a sense of purpose and urgency? Discuss what your purpose is. How do you know that's your purpose? How can purpose bring clarity and perspective to your life?

Prayer Focus

Jesus, I worship and celebrate You during this Christmas season! I believe You are worthy, and I am so grateful that one day I will see You face to face. In these uncertain times, help me find peace in the truth that I will live with You forever. Help me live a life that reflects this truth to others, so they can experience your peace and presence during these difficult days.

Next Steps

Measure the things that you would do differently if you knew for certain that Jesus was coming back in the new year. Begin to implement those changes this week. Choose to rebalance your life based on what you were created to do and the things that are truly the most important.

Leader Tip

Contact your Group during the Christmas season to let them know you are praying for them as they step into 2021