

**In Transit—Daniel
Study Questions**

Selected parts of Daniel Chapters 1, 2, and 6

Warm-up

1) Describe a time that you felt very much out-of-place. How did you come to be in that situation? How did things end up?

A little deeper

2) [Daniel 1:1-8] A young Daniel was brought to a new country against his will, and he was put directly into service to the king. Put yourself in Daniel's place for a moment—you are forcibly taken from your home and given a small room to live in. You are given a new name, told what your new job is, and how you will be fed. How do you think you would feel, and how do you think you would react? How do you think family members might react?

3) [Daniel 2:1-3, 9-12, 24, and 46-48] Daniel didn't rebel or even become angry in his new situation. Instead, he sought to serve his new king, while maintaining his reliance on God. The king rewarded him with trust and more responsibility. What good came out of Daniel's obedience and concern? Have you seen similar situations on the job or in government? How were these situations similar? How were they different?

4) [Daniel 6:3-14] The other administrators tricked the king into making a law that would trap Daniel. Why do you think the administrators wanted to get rid of Daniel?

What were they placing their trust in?

What modern-day examples of this sort of thought and behavior have you seen?

5) [Daniel 6:16, 19-28] God saved Daniel and brought glory to His name through the reactions of the secular king Darius. What had Daniel done that allowed God to work so effectively through this situation?

What happened to those who had trusted in their own craftiness?

Bringing it home

6) Are there times that your Christian walk feels something like exile? If so, give an example or two.

7) How have you responded the last few times you've been faced with adversity or chaos?

What does this reveal about where you have been placing your hope?

If you have trouble focusing on God when trouble comes, what do you think would help?