



*Sunday, March 5, 2017 | Small Group Discussion Notes*

**Introduction:** Have you ever had a bad dream that left you wondering if it meant anything? Did you tell anyone about it?

**Read Daniel 2:1-4**

1. (v. 1-16) The King has a crisis. Why was it disheartening for the king? What was odd about the request the king made to his wise men? What does this say about the relationship between the king and his wise men?
2. (v. 17-23) How did Daniel respond in this time of crisis? What kind of things did he do? How do these responses differ from how we sometimes respond to crisis situations?
3. Why do we often turn to God last instead of first? What does that say about our beliefs?
4. How does God answer Daniel's dilemma? How does Daniel's belief that God is sovereign help him in facing the king with the troubling truth?
5. (v. 24-49) Daniel refers to God as the "God of Heaven" four times in this story (v. 18, 19, 37, 44). Why do you think he used this unique title for God, particularly when talking with the king?
6. How did Daniel's message go against what the king probably wanted to hear? How was Daniel able to deliver that inconvenient truth? What was surprising about the king's response?
7. Who is the hero of this story? When we think of the narrative of our lives, do we think of God as the hero of our story or as the audience of our story? How has God been your hero?

**Love/Abide/Bless:** Daniel's story influences our understanding of God. How could your story influence someone else's understanding of God?