Digging Deeper



Prayer Is The Path Through The Impossible!

Week of January 29, 2017

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Daniel 1:3-6 & Daniel 6:1-23

When we are facing anything that seems impossible, we need to remember nothing is too hard for God and that we are to pray. Prayer is the way through whatever seems impossible. Daniel modeled this perfectly for us when he faced a set of circumstances that seemed to be an impossible situation. Daniel would not pledge his alliance to anyone other than his God and openly prayed. The result was a night's stay in the horrible lion's den with a pride of starving lions. Daniel didn't go around the situation, he prayed his way thorough it. Ultimately in the midst of the impossible situation God closed the mouths of the lions and God was glorified because prayer is the only way through the impossible.

Pray

Jesus, you meet impossible situations. As we look to overcome the "impossibles" of our lives, we ask for strength and courage to pray through the situations and to depend on you. Show us how to see life differently through the window of prayer knowing our decisions matter and have eternal implications.

Getting Started

- We often hear or say the phrase, "that's impossible." Name a few things that are now commonplace that 25 or 30 years ago would have been considered impossible?
- Tell about an impossible situation you have had in your life and how God brought you through it. What impact did the outcome have on you and those around you?

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- 1. Why is it difficult for us to believe that God can do the supernatural?
- 2. What's the importance of always doing our best at work, home, school, etc.? What was the result of Daniel always doing his best?
- 3. What choice did Daniel face and what were the eternal implications of his choice? Do you think Daniel was aware of these implications when he decided to continue to honor God with prayer? Why or why not.
- 4. Why (or how) do the decisions we make have eternal consequences for us and for those affected by our decisions?
- 5. When we realize that prayer is a window through the impossible, what is it we will see when we look through that window?
- 6. Give an example of how you have seen life differently when you have looked through the window of prayer.
- 7. What is your "impossible" today and how can our group pray for you to make your way through it?

Spend the remaining time of your meeting in prayer for one another and the people on your list from Sunday.

Living Jesus

We have been told nothing is impossible with God and shown how to pray our way *through* instead of *around* those impossible situations. God wants us to look through the window of prayer and see life differently. As you face those impossible situations, you have a choice to either quit and begin dying or pray through and live.

Pray, pray, pray and keep looking through the window of prayer.

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