

What does God promise He will do (vv. 10-14)?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WARNINGS

Daniel 5

"But you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this." Daniel 5:22



Bringing It Home

5. What did you learn about God through His interactions with the people of Jerusalem in these verses? What words or phrases would you use to describe Him?

6. If it's appropriate and you feel safe doing so, share with your group any decisions you made or plan to make in response to this week's sermon or Growth Group homework. Spend time praying for each other as a group.

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

Luke 12:48b

"Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy." Proverbs 29:1

WHAT WOULD GOD WRITE ON MY WALL?

IN RESPONSE, WHAT ACTION DO I NEED TO TAKE TODAY TO HONOR GOD?

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of February 28, 2010

QUICK REVIEW: Was there a point in the sermon that you really took to heart? Was there anything else that challenged you or caught your attention?

Warming Up

1. Describe a time when you repeatedly told someone not to do something, but he or she would not listen to you. How did it feel?
2. Why do you think we sometimes refuse to listen to advice, even if it is wise advice?

Digging In

3. Nebuchadnezzar's defeat of Jerusalem happened in stages. The first stage occurred in 605 B.C., when Nebuchadnezzar brought Daniel and other young men from Jerusalem to Babylon (Daniel 1:1-5). The rest of Jerusalem's residents remained, but they lived in fear of Nebuchadnezzar. A prophet named Jeremiah, who lived in Jerusalem, wrote **Jeremiah 25:1-14** during this time. Read those verses now. Why is Jeremiah frustrated (vv. 1-6)?

What will God do as a result (vv. 7-11)?

Some people think that God was too lenient on Jerusalem because He warned them for over 20 years. Others think He was too harsh because of the consequences He eventually gave them for their disobedience. Where do you land? Defend your position in your group.

What does God say He will eventually do to Babylon (vv. 12-14)?

4. Years later, Nebuchadnezzar took more people from Jerusalem to Babylon. Jeremiah wrote a letter to those people, giving them a message from God. Read **Jeremiah 29:1-14**. What does God tell the captured ones to do (vv. 4-7)?

Jesus says that as a Christian, you are away from your home because your home is in heaven (John 17:14-18). How could you apply God's advice above to your life as a Christian?