

Proverbs 12:26

Proverbs 22:24-25

6. At the same time, Jesus was often criticized for hanging out with people of questionable character. Read **Mark 2:15-17**. What does Jesus say is his reason for hanging out with people far from God?

Describe a time when you experienced Jesus' love for you while you were not feeling very spiritually "healthy" or "righteous."

Looking at your answers from questions #5 and #6, what would you say is a Biblical principle to live by regarding friendships? Discuss this in your group.

Bringing It Home

7. What do you sense God is asking you to do in regards to developing character?

REVIEW: 3 WAYS TO _____ IN "MINORITY FAITH" SITUATIONS

1. RESPOND WITH _____

"...your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules."
Daniel 4:26

"...he sets up kings and deposes them..." Daniel 2:21

2. RESPOND WITH _____

Then Daniel...said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him." Daniel 2:24

[Daniel] answered, "My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries!" Daniel 4:19

3. RESPOND WITH _____

"But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way." Daniel 1:8

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king..."But even if God does not [rescue us], we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." Daniel 3:16-18

BECOMING A PERSON OF CHARACTER (DANIEL 6)

1. UNDERSTAND THE _____ OF CHARACTER

Daniel 6:1-3, Isaiah 58:3-9

2. UNDERSTAND THE _____ OF CHARACTER

Daniel 6:4-9

3. UNDERSTAND THE _____ OF CHARACTER

Daniel 1:8, Daniel 2:17-18, Daniel 6:10, Philippians 1:6

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time starts this weekend, so change your clocks and get up early for our worship service on Sunday!

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of March 7, 2010

- Sunday: Daniel 7:1-14
- Monday: Daniel 7:15-28
- Tuesday: Daniel 8:1-8
- Wednesday: Daniel 8:9-14
- Thursday: Daniel 8:15-27
- Friday: Daniel 9:1-19
- Saturday: Daniel 9:20-27

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. Pastor John defined **character** as “who you are when no one is looking.” What are some other ways to define “character”?

2. Who is someone you know whose character you admire? What qualities does that person have that show good character?

Digging In

3. One way we grow in character is by learning from others. The most important person we can learn from is Jesus. Write down what the following verses say about this.

John 13:15

Matthew 11:29

Hebrews 12:2

1 Peter 2:21

What are some of the best things you have learned from or about Jesus so far on your spiritual journey?

4. Another way we grow in our character is from people around us whose relationship with Jesus we respect. Summarize what the apostle Paul says in these verses:

1 Corinthians 11:1

Philippians 3:17

2 Thessalonians 3:7-9

Describe a time when you grew in your character because of a Christian’s influence on your life.

5. Since we are people who often copy people around us, it makes sense that we should be wise in choosing our close friendships. What do we learn in the following verses about this?

1 Corinthians 15:33