

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Resident Aliens”**

### **Complement to sermon on 6/10/18 – “For the Glory of God”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. Would you rather have a body with an extra set of arms, an extra set of legs or an extra set of eyes and why?
2. If you could be an eyewitness to any of the chapters of Daniel so far (chapters 1-6) which would you choose and why?

#### **MEMORIZE – 1 Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

#### **READ – Daniel 6**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Look up and read Genesis 3:15, John 16:33, 2 Timothy 3:12 and 1 Peter 4: 12-14. What connection do these verses have to Daniel 6? What is the takeaway for any follower of Jesus?
4. Read Proverbs 21:1. How does this text show itself true in Daniel 6 (or for that matter, the whole book of Daniel up to this point)? Turn Proverbs 21:1 into a prayer for our leaders like President Trump and other government officials and spend time in prayer together.
5. God speaks prophetic words to lead us to repentance. Read Proverbs 1: 22-26. Where do you need to respond to God’s warning in your life? What do you need to confess and repent of?
6. After hearing about the decree to pray only to Darius, Daniel goes home and prays to Yahweh. We don’t know what he prayed, perhaps a Psalm. Maybe even Psalm 57. Read Psalm 57. What are the similarities to Daniel 6? What situation are you currently facing where you need to respond in prayer, trusting God to deliver?

##### **Summarize Daniel 6 in two sentences or less:**

**Experiential-** According to Daniel 6:10, Daniel got down on knees and prayed three times a day. Do this yourself this week. Pray 3 times daily (and if physically possible, drop to your knees). Use this time to grow your relationship and dependence on Christ.

**Testimony Time** – Share about a time you stood firm for the Lord. What was the situation? What did you do? How did God respond/show up?

**SING** (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

**Joy of the Lord** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcG9HApTC\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcG9HApTC_Q)

The joy of the Lord is our strength to live as Resident Aliens. Let this song be a rally cry this week.

**A Wonderful Savior is Jesus – Mennonite Hymnal #546**

A hymn of praise and reminder to us about the goodness of our Savior

**PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

**Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

Holy Spirit, be our strength this week. Help us to rely more fully on you in every area of life. Live through us for the glory of God and the good of others. In Jesus Name, Amen.