**Daniel 1 – Leader Notes**

**Dare to live counter-culturally**

**HOOK**

**1. What nicknames have you had?**

**2. If you went to live in another country, what would you miss most about Canada?**

**If you grew up in another culture, what do you miss most about your birth culture?**

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**Read Daniel 1:1-2.**

**3. Why did God allow Israel to be defeated and exiled to Babylon?** (God’s faithfulness to his covenant with Israel which promised punishment for unfaithfulness; To fulfill prophesy of 2 Kings 20:18)

**4. What’s the redemptive moment in the midst of judgment?** (God saved a remnant of leaders to influence Babylonian culture and ultimately to restore Israel; Jesus didn’t come to make our life easy; He came to make our life great!)

**5. Can you think of a time when you had difficulty believing that God is in control?**

**Read Daniel 1:3-7**

**6. What do you think is the most difficult adjustment to make for immigrants: Language, Literature, Lifestyle or Loyalty?**

**7. How is a Christian like a tea bag?** (It’s not much good until it’s gone through hot water)

**Read Daniel 1:8.**

**8. How might this verse be considered a key verse to chapter 1? What’s so significant about Daniel’s resolve? What role did Daniel’s friends have in helping Daniel stick to his commitment?**

**9. Agree or disagree: It’s easier to keep temptation at a distance than to resist it when near.**

**10. Which of the following best sums up Daniel 1: a) Diligent study leads to a position of influence; b) God honors those who honor him; c) Fasting helps us focus; d) God’s in control**

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**11. What is something that you’ve resolved to do (or not to do) because of your commitment to God?**

**12. What does it mean to be in the world, but not of it? What does Romans 12:2,3 teach us about being counter-cultural?**

**13. What defining decision changed your destiny?**

**14. How can our group help each other stick to our resolutions?**