**Daniel 6 – Leader Notes**

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**1. What’s the most recent thing you asked God for?**

**2. Have you ever been in a life or death situation? What’s the most dangerous situation you’ve faced?**

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**Read Daniel 6:3-5**

**3. What distinguishes you at work? What reputation do you perceive you have? Is there anything you particularly notice about others?**

**4. Have you ever experienced jealousy and conflict with other employees? How did you handle the situation?**

**Read Daniel 6:10**

**5. What was Daniel’s pattern of prayer? Do you have a usual time and place to pray?**

**6. Why do you think Daniel opened the window when he knew prayer to his God was illegal and could get him killed?**

**7. What are some biblical postures of prayer? (kneeling, lifting up holy hands in prayer, on our face) What’s your favorite/least favorite posture of prayer? Why? Does kneeling make any difference to our prayer? (**Humility honors God, and God honors humility).

**8. When Daniel prayed but was thrown into the lion’s den, does that mean his prayers weren’t answered?** (No, God’s answer to our prayers isn’t a commitment to our comfort; God is committed to His glory in us and through us! God didn’t save Daniel from this trial; He saved Daniel through this trial. Daniel’s light would shine even brighter after the lion’s den.)

**9. Daniel is the only one in this story who doesn’t fight for his life. Why do you think that is?**

(He was ready to die for his relationship with God. He had confidence that God was going to fight for his life. He was prayed up!)

**10. Do you think Daniel slept peacefully in the lion’s den or pulled an all-nighter in prayer?**

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**11. How does prayer lead to greater peace? How is prayer related to the size of our God?**

(If you want peace in trials, you need faith in a God who’s bigger than your problems. If your God is small, your problems can be overwhelming. If your God is big, your problems will seem so much smaller in comparison to His saving power. Prayer magnifies God.)

**12. What type of prayer do you usually pray?**  (9-1-1 prayers for help, prayers of thanksgiving, Prayer of worship, Prayer of confession?)

**13. Did you ever pray intensely for a long time, maybe even through the night, about something? What was the issue you were praying about? How did God come through?**

**14. If we want the testimony of Daniel, what needs to happen?** (If you want a great testimony, you’re going to have to endure some great tests of faith. Develop a relationship with God for a lifetime, maintain a habit of prayer, be thrown into an impossible situation, trust God no matter what, and pray through and God will come through)

**15. What lions are you facing at work or in your family that you need prayer for?**

**If it’s possible in your context, try kneeling as you pray for each other in your small group.**