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Your *group* matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*Is your favorite summer hot & dry...
or cool & wet, and why?*

1. Pastor Tony led off with some definitions of Legit; which definition resonates with you when you think of them in relation to your walk with Jesus?
2. Read **Daniel 1:1-3**. What were some of the things Daniel was dealing with in his new world that have similarities to yours? How can his example assist you in seeing these things as they really are vs. how someone else wants you to see them?
3. **Daniel 1:8** says, "...Daniel resolved not to defile himself...". Pastor Tony defined resolve as "to determine and not be determined". While our culture wants to determine for us how we should be "Christian", how have you resolved to follow Jesus?
4. How does God's support of Daniel make you feel as you read **Daniel 1:9**? How does it affect your resolve as you consider the fact that God is there to support you as He did Daniel?
5. Read **Daniel 1:10-21**. Daniel and his friends committed to God's plan, not knowing the outcome, and God came through! What are some areas that you need to hand the pen back to the Author and trust Him to write your story?

Day One: [John 21](#); [Psalm 89](#)

Day Two: [Exodus 39](#); [Proverbs 27](#)

Day Three: [Romans 11](#); [2 Samuel 9](#)

Day Four: [James 2](#); [Jeremiah 23](#)

Day Five: [Job 27](#); [Acts 5](#)

PERSONAL GUIDE

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Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*



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MESSAGE NOTES



"Outstanding Resolve"

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What are the most important elements of what it means to be truly _____ and growing in spirituality?

What does God want the most from us?

Legit: (shortening of legitimate)

- To be in compliance with the _____.
- To come across as an _____ example of something.
- To start living _____ after having previously not.
- To be the _____ even when surrounded by "spin" or "persecution."

This raises the question...are you _____ in a crowd, or are you _____ in a crowd?

- We'll truly choose to live this kind of life only when we truly understand God's _____ for us.

Learning from Daniel...

A _____ Environment (Daniel 1:1-2)

- There were _____ examples of faith. (v.1a)
- It was a _____ world. (v.1b)
- God's _____ was in effect. (v.2)

Where do you feel this in your life?

A _____ Culture (Daniel 1:3-7)

- A mass captivity disguised as a favored "_____." (v.3)
- A _____ disguised as a free education. (v.4)
- An indoctrination disguised as a _____. (v.5)
- An identity _____ disguised as a title. (v.6-7)
 - Possibility of emasculation. (v.7)

Where do you feel this in your life?

Intermission...

- What is your _____?
- Are you _____ in a crowd...or are you _____ in a crowd?
- _____ doesn't erase tension... it only weakens our _____.

An Outstanding Resolve (Daniel 1:8)

- To resolve is to _____ and not be _____...to consider the larger _____ over the loudest _____. (v.7a)
- You can avoid being _____ with _____. (v.7b)

A Divine _____ (Daniel 1:9)

- "_____": God has an _____ amount of support to hand us if we'd only give Him a running start. (v.9)

A Powerful _____ (Daniel 1:10-21)

- Daniel made up his mind before he knew how the story ended... because he handed the _____ to the _____.

So are you legit?:

- Have you said 'YES!' to Jesus Christ?
- In what ways do (and don't) your habits help you _____ and _____ that relationship (and God's best)?
- When you let God speak His best into you, saying "_____ " to the world is a _____.

Don't miss this...

The secret to being legit is _____.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital* or hard copy).*MYRC.LINK/CONNECT or text **riverside** to **94000**



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What are the most important elements of what it means to be truly spiritual and growing in spirituality?

What does God want the most from us?

Legit: (shortening of legitimate)

- To be in compliance with the law.
- To come across as an impressive example of something.
- To start living right after having previously not.
- To be the real deal even when surrounded by "spin" or "persecution."

This raises the question...are you outstanding in a crowd, or are you out standing in a crowd?

- We'll truly choose to live this kind of life only when we truly understand God's best for us.

Learning from Daniel...

A Distracted Environment (Daniel 1:1-2)

- There were sketchy examples of faith. (v.1a)
- It was a hostile world. (v.1b)
- God's discipline was in effect. (v.2)

Where do you feel this in your life?

A Beguiling Culture (Daniel 1:3-7)

- A mass captivity disguised as a favored "rescue." (v.3)
- A reeducation disguised as a free education. (v.4)
- An indoctrination disguised as a buffet. (v.5)
- An identity theft disguised as a title. (v.6-7)
 - Possibility of emasculation. (v.7)

Where do you feel this in your life?

Intermission...

- What is your inter-mission?
- Are you out standing in a crowd...or are you outstanding in a crowd?
- Compromise doesn't erase tension... it only weakens our resolve.

An Outstanding Resolve (Daniel 1:8)

- To resolve is to determine and not be determined...to consider the larger Truth over the loudest shouting. (v.7a)
- You can avoid being defiled with respect. (v.7b)

A Divine Ally (Daniel 1:9)

- "Now God...": God has an infinite amount of support to hand us if we'd only give Him a running start. (v.9)

A Powerful Redirection (Daniel 1:10-21)

- Daniel made up his mind before he knew how the story ended... because he handed the pen to the Author.

So are you legit?:

- Have you said 'YES!' to Jesus Christ?
- In what ways do (and don't) your habits help you understand and appreciate that relationship (and God's best)?
- When you let God speak His best into you, saying "No" to the world is a complete sentence.

Don't miss this...

The secret to being legit is it isn't a secret.

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