

# **The Book of Daniel**

Taken to Babylon // 1:1-7

## **Introduction**

In the first few verses of Daniel, we are given an in-depth look into the relationship between sin, salvation, and sovereignty. While sin exiles us, taking us back from where God called us, salvation liberates. While sin destroys and exiles, God's sovereignty preserves us. Daniel's words are the answer to how we sing God's praise in the midst of exile.

## **Discussion**

1. How does the Babylonian exile demonstrate that God is in control?
2. How does God's sovereignty sustain us through times of exile?
3. Why is it that our first reaction to chaos in our life is to question God's goodness and sovereignty?
4. How do we remind ourselves of his goodness and sovereignty?
5. In what areas do you think the church has been more influenced by Babylon than Jerusalem?
6. In what ways have you been more influenced by Babylon than Jerusalem?

## **Application**

As a community, we are all Daniel's living in Babylon – a culture foreign to the one we call home. How can we help one another walk through the difficulties of being in of our culture without being of our culture?

## **Prayer**

Spend some time in prayer with one another for things drawn out of the discussion.