**The Handwriting on the Wall**

**Discussion Questions**

1. List some of the most intimidating, anti-Christian people in history. Who are some people in our generation that fit this list? How are these types of people intimidating for you?
2. Read Daniel 5:1-9. This was the final night of the Babylonian empire. How is this a fitting final scene just before this kingdom is conquered?
3. How was this feast evil and intimidating?
4. How was alcohol a part of this feast? Read Proverbs 23:29-35. What are the dangers that come with drinking alcohol? What are some potential negative consequences? Given the negative consequences, why do so many still abuse alcohol and drugs?
5. Why do you think God used a hand writing on the wall to interrupt this feast? Why was it so terrifying to King Belshazzar and everyone else?
6. Read Daniel 5:6 again. Note the sudden change of expression by Belshazzar. How does this dramatic example help you not to be intimidated by evil people today who mock God and those who believe in Him?
7. Read Daniel 5:10-21. What was the significance of the message of judgment being written instead of spoken? Where is God’s judgment written or posted in our day? (the Bible, the words and lives of those who are saved)
8. Why wasn’t the queen at this feast? Why wasn’t Daniel called first with the other wise men, especially given his proven ability to discern in the past?
9. Why did Daniel refuse the offer of rewards? How was this a pathetic offer anyway?
10. Read Daniel 5:22-31. Why was the judgment on Belshazzar more severe than it was for his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar?
11. How does Daniel compare to King Belshazzar? (longevity – Daniel lives on in the next empire, Belshazzar dies that night)
12. What should our reaction be to the reality of God’s certain judgment of our world?
13. Have everyone come up with three names of people in their circle of influence that don’t know Jesus. Pray together for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with these people.