

Small Group – August 16

Read Daniel 6:1-16

1. Despite Daniel's long life of faithful excellence, he still encountered opposition and undue hardship. Part of being surrounded by a morally inhospitable world is that a good and faithful life is not often rewarded. In fact, it is often met with hostility and evil. Today, how do you as a Christian handle and respond to the hardship that we face even as we try to live our lives faithfully?
2. Part of being surrounded by a morally inhospitable world is that the governing laws of our world cannot fully represent what is good, right, moral, and true. How do we as Christians navigate the complexities of what is legal and lawful in Toronto versus what is right, true, and good according to Scripture?
3. Part of being surrounded by a morally inhospitable world is that we as Christians cannot feel or cannot be at home in this world as it is. The world will reject us in some ways. And we are called to reject some aspects of the world. How do we live faithfully in this difficult and liminal existence of being in the world but not of it?
4. Part of being surrounded by a morally inhospitable world is that we cannot finally hope or put our ultimate trust in our earthly leaders and in the circumstances of life. How do we tangibly display in our words and actions that our ultimate hope and trust is in Jesus Christ, and not in our governments, institutions, and human exemplars and leaders?