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Week of 5/12/2013

The Point: *Be Strong.....God is with you, even when everyone is against you*

Daniel 6

Discussion Generators

- .What are two things that stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be silly, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- .If you an eight year old were to ask you what Sunday's point was about, how would you paraphrase it for them?
- .**Read Daniel 6:4.** Has anyone here ever been thrown into a lion's den? Okay maybe not literally, but have you ever felt like you were and what were the circumstances that helped create that feeling for you? Can someone share a time that either you or someone you know was singled out for doing the right thing and mocked or mistreated for doing so?
- .**Read Romans 8:31-39.** First, what is Paul saying about how God showed us that He loves us? Why is that important to remember? Do you think it is hard to really grasp what God's love for us is really like? Why or why not?
- .**Read John 15:18.** Jesus is teaching He warns that there would be a good chance that anyone who follows Him would be hated. Why do you think He would share such an unappealing insight with us and prospective followers?

Discussion Generators

- On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being easy and 10 being extremely difficult, how hard would you say it is to be of follower of Christ and to do the right things, and why?
- Daniel's life is an amazing example to us of understanding God's love for us and responding in obedience. Daniel lived prior to Jesus as well so he didn't even have knowledge that we have in what life in Christ can be. So let's go back to paraphrase this week for an eight year old. What would we tell an eight that they should do with what we learned from the point and our discussion tonight?

Building Relationships

This week we are going to mix it up by seeing how well we know one another! In John 15:17, right before verse 18 that we already read, Jesus command us to love one another! Part of loving one another is getting to know one another which relates to which of the 3Cs at MC3?

So here is what we are going to do. You pull a number out of the hat between 1 and 8 and the number you get is the statement from the list I have that you get to complete. I will participate to. (Leaders feel free to do as many rounds as you like)

1. I am here at Pr1me Group because.....
2. My childhood dream was
3. A day I'd live over is.....
4. I wish I were better at.....
5. I work atand my job is to.....
6. My favorite MC3 memory thus far is.....
7. The thing I want to know more about the Bible is.....
8. My biggest pet peeve is.....

Daniel 6:4 (CEV)

The other men tried to find something wrong with the way Daniel did his work for the king. But they could not accuse him of anything wrong because he was honest and faithful and did everything he was supposed to do.

Romans 8:31-39 (MSG)

So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture: They kill us in cold blood because they hate you. We're sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one. None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

John 15:18 (CEV)

If the people of this world hate you, just remember that they hated me first.

