

Daniel

Resolve & Resilience

Connect Group Study following the talk on Sunday 6th February 2022

Read Daniel 1

1. Jamie reintroduced the concept of exile and the pressure to assimilate. In what ways do you experience exile in London today?

Resolved Disciples

2. Read vv8-20. Have you experienced the link between choosing to go God's way and experiencing his favour in your life?
3. Beth Moore writes '*Integrity depends on consistency. Integrity not only calls us to live inside-out, it keeps the outside from coming in.*'
 - a) How consistent is your life?
 - b) How do Daniel and his friends live inside-out and stop the outside coming in?
 - c) One of Jamie's takeaways was to soak your identity in being a child of God. Is this something you give habitual priority in your life? In what ways is your identity undermined?

Resilient Disciples

4. Jamie mentioned that **resilient disciples** are categorised by Barna as those who (1) attend church at least monthly and engage with their church more than just attending worship services; (2) trust firmly in the authority of the Bible; (3) are committed to Jesus personally and affirm he was crucified and raised from the dead to conquer sin and death; and (4) express desire to transform the broader society as an outcome of their faith.
 - a) Do you agree with this definition? What might you change or add about it?
 - b) How might we as a Connect Group enable each other to be resilient?
5. One of Jamie's takeaways was to not put God in a box (v2), not only in terms of idolatry, but also in not constraining and restricting how God might act through your life this year. Where are your expectation levels for God to move in dramatic and powerful ways?

Pray

As Jamie encouraged at the Resourcing Evening, this is an opportunity to engage with prayer ministry if you haven't before or if you haven't in a while. Set aside some time for people to pray for the Holy Spirit to do the inner work, as people of the resurrection as well as resolve and resilience.

- For us to be resolved and resilient disciples
- For revival in Clapham and London