

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

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### Difference Makers

Daniel 1: 1-7



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.

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## **GETTING STARTED**

**Q1.** Can you recall a time in your life when you believe you made a positive difference in someone's life?

**Q2.** Have you experienced the tension between loving others where they are in life and standing firm to God's principles in the Bible? Explain.

## INTO THE WORD

### Read Daniel 1

**Q3.** As you read this first chapter, what are your initial impressions of Daniel? What challenges does he face?

**Q4.** In what ways do you identify with Daniel's life journey, and in what ways is your life very different from his?

### Read John 17:13-19.

**Q5.** What surprises you most about Jesus' prayer, considering that he was about to die the next day?

**Q6.** Why do you think Jesus asks God *not* to take His followers out of the world?

**Q7.** What comes to mind when you hear the word *sanctified* at the end of this passage? What does sanctified mean to you?

**Q8.** Jesus said, "You are the light of the world" (**Matthew 5:14**). What does it mean for you to let your light shine where others can see it?

## GOING DEEPER

Read John 1:14-18

**Q9.** Both grace and truth came through Jesus. When Jesus died, God was *true to himself*, because sin was punished. And when Jesus died, God was *gracious to us*, because Jesus bore our punishment. All of us tend to lean toward either **grace** OR **truth**. Which one do you tend to lean toward and why?

**Q10.** What issues of truth are exceptionally important to you? Have you ever found it difficult to offer grace in those moments? Why do you think that is so?

## CONCLUSION & PRAYER

The intersection of grace and truth is not always easy to navigate. According to John, Jesus is the perfect representation of how to live both ideals.

What is one practical way you could show grace & truth to someone this week? **Pray for each other.**