

# Life Group Lessons: Building Blocks of Prophecy (Week of October 7)

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## Daniel 2 Nebuchadnezzar's Statue - LEADERSHIP COACHING

*[The purpose of this page is to help you sharpen your skills as a Small Group Leader. Each week we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your group and grow as a disciple yourself.]*

### **Abiding** [grow as a disciple yourself]

- Read Paul's words from 1 Timothy 1:15-16 - <sup>15</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.
- How can God's mercy in YOUR life give evidence to "those who are on the edge of trusting him forever?" Who do you know that is on the edge and may need to hear your story?

### **Leading** [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- Be sure your group is clear about the guideline we call "No Rescuing." When someone is sharing something deeply personal and/or painful, there can be a tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or the situation. This can be as simple as reaching out to put a hand on their shoulder while they are talking, or may include interjecting statements that release them from responsibility for something (i.e. "Who can blame you for making that parenting mistake? After all, your dad was never around when you were young.") Be sure your group is clear about the guideline we call "No Rescuing." When someone is sharing something deeply personal and/or painful, there can be a tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or the situation. This can be as simple as reaching out to put a hand on their shoulder while they are talking, or may include interjecting statements that release them from responsibility for something (i.e. "Who can blame you for making that parenting mistake? After all, your dad was never around when you were young.")
- Often, rescuing will cause people to stop sharing and results in their not going as deep as they might have gone. Resist the temptation to rescue people. As relationships in your group deepen, this may become more of a temptation. We tend to want to rescue those we love, but it is not always in their best interest!

### **Shepherding** [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

- Make sure your group is relational, show them what that means. Do gatherings together outside of your life group.
- Show them a Christian life style, talk about praying, helping others and being an intentional friend.

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**Open in Prayer**

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Remind Group of Small Group Guidelines**

**Ask A Hook Question** *[Ask a thought-provoking question to get the group focused]*

Have you ever dreamed of something that's become a reality and has played itself out exactly or very similar to how you dreamed it?

**Share Background for The Story** *[Provide context by sharing what comes before the story in the Bible]*

One night, King Nebuchadnezzar has a disturbing dream. It's so bad, that he's not able to get any sleep thereafter. He calls in his Babylonian magicians and enchanters and asks them for help, but he refuses to tell them (quite unreasonably) what the dream actually was. They need to both tell him the dream he had *and* interpret it. He says that if they fail to come through, he's going to tear them "limb from limb" and lay their houses "in ruins." But if someone can tell him the dream and interpret it, they'll get showered with riches and rewards. Daniel and his friends are also arrested and slated to be executed—even though they apparently weren't present when the king had his initial freak-out and ordered everyone dead. So, they don't know what's going on. Daniel asks the king's head executioner Arioch why the king's death decree is falling on everyone so suddenly and without warning? Arioch fills him in on the situation. So Daniel goes into Nebuchadnezzar and asks for a little time to discover the dream and relay the interpretation. Nebuchadnezzar agrees. Daniel goes and tells Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to ask God for help, and their prayers are effective. During the night, Daniel has a vision which reveals the dream and its interpretation.

**Tell The Story** - This week's passage is Daniel 2:31-49

**Rebuild the Story** *[Group members tell the story together based on what they remember]*

**Read the Story Out Loud** *[Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted]*

**Discuss These Questions:**

1. Does this dream so long ago impact your life, if so, how?
2. How was Daniel able to interpret the king's dream? Answer - Daniel 2:18
3. In verse 36 it says: "This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king." Why does Daniel say "we" if it was only him standing in front of King Nebuchadnezzar?
4. Would any of your past situations (where you didn't go to God first) have turned out differently if you went to God first?

**Ask Someone to Retell the Story** *[Ask for a volunteer from the group]*

**Assign Next Week's Passage** – TBD

**Close in Prayer**

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