



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Daniel 5:1-31

(Key Verse)

Daniel 5:23b NKJV ...*And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who [holds] your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.*

(SECTION ONE)
The Sacrilegious Party
5:1-4

Question: Who was besieging the City of Babylon while King Belshazzar hosted a party?

Question: What type of attitude was being displayed when the king decided to throw a party while an enemy army was surrounding his city?

Question: Why do you think it is that people today will choose to ignore the impending judgment of God, and why is the being in a state of indifference to the consequences of sin such a dangerous place to be?

READ: Isaiah 22:12-13

(SECTION TWO)
The Sacrilegious Party Is Crashed
5:5-9

Question: How does the reality of the judgment of God upon sin strike fear into the heart of man?

Question: What are some of the methods that you have observed that God will use to get people's attention, and do you think the writing on the wall got King Belshazzar's attention?

Question: How does Satan deceive people into believing that there are no consequences for sin, and that they should pursue pleasure instead of repentance?

(SECTION THREE)
The Light in the Darkness
5:10-17

Question: How can a Christian impact the world around him by just being a light in the darkness, and how does one set himself apart from that which is evil?

Question: When trouble befalls someone why are they more open to the things pertaining to God than they were when life was all good?

(SECTION FOUR)
The King Is Held Accountable
5:18-23

Question: Why would King Belshazzar lift himself up against the Lord knowing full well what happened to his father, King Nebuchadnezzar?

Question: Why is it that some will think that they are an exception to the rule when it comes to the righteous judgments of God?

(SECTION FIVE)
The King Is Slain
5:24-31

Question: What does the phrase *Mene Mene Tekel Upharsin* mean?

Question: How does a deficiency in moral, and spiritual values eventually lead to a society's destruction? Discuss the difference between God's judgment of sin, and how sin left unchecked will lead to death.