

HOW TO PASS THE TEST?

Daniel was tested time and again. He and his friends reveal how we too can pass the test. This would be challenging indeed, as nothing in his new world of Babylon would help him.

Daniel 1:8-21

* Who are you?

"What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God." (1 John 3:1)

Azariah means God has helped compared to

Abednego means slave of a man

What if he forgot who he is?

* Who do you live for?

"We make it our aim to please God." (2 Corinthians 5:9 ESV)

- ▶ The food was unclean
- ▶ The food was offered to idols
- ▶ The food would remind them of their dependence

How did they become "fatter in flesh?"

"Only God could have done that!"

* Who says "yes" to the test?

"Your faith is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold . . ." (1 Peter 1:7 NLT)

"The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart." (Proverbs 17:3)

* Who is behind it all?

"For from him and through him and for him are all things." (Romans 11:36)

Verses 2, 9 and 17 "God gave . . ."

Daniel = James 3:17-18

Discussion Questions

- 1) What has been or is right now, a test in your life?
- 2) What stands out to you from Daniel 1:8-21? What message are you getting from this Scripture? How do hard things make us stronger?
- 3) How might we translate Daniel's allegiance and dependence on God for our lives today? How can we be people of wisdom like him (James 3:17-18)?

THE "4610 EXPERIENCE": A ONE-HOUR RECOVERY TIME

Wednesday, September 29, 7:00–8:00 pm

Our souls are often refreshed by quiet, calm moments. Psalm 46:10 invites us to "be still and know he is God." The 4610 Experience provides a dimly lit, unhurried environment with soft music in the background. It is a time of guided reflection and meditation with private prayer.

WOMEN'S BROWN BAG BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 9 @ 10:00 am

Come join us for a very informal, bring your own Brown Bag Breakfast. Coffee and hot water will be provided.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We offer an After School Program on Tuesdays & Thursdays in partnership with our neighborhood elementary school, Hallman. Our desire is to provide a safe place for kids after school with adults who care about them. This program launches in October and we need volunteer support to make it happen. Sign-up in the lobby if you'd like more information on how you can help or contact Karen.

HARVEST KIDS NEEDS YOU

We have officially launched the school year & we have volunteer teacher & assistant needs in our classrooms. We have the opportunity to partner with parents to lead children to Christ. If you would be interested in serving 1-2x/month on Sunday mornings, please write "kids" on a Connection Card or email karen@newharvestch.org.

MEDIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each Sunday we show the words to the music & sermon on the screen as well as online. We need volunteers to make this happen, as we only have two people on the team. No experience is necessary. We will train you. If you would like to join this team, write "Media" on a Connection Card, email connie@newharvestch.org, or message online at newharvestch.org/connect.

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Welcome

GUESTS & VISITORS

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use the Connection Card in the back of the chairs or our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.



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