

- 1 **When Daniel and his friends were faced with an impossible situation in Daniel 2, how did they handle it?** Think not just about what they did, but also how and why they did it.

 *What would that kind of faith look like in our day when facing an uncertain future?*

 *How has uncertainty brought anxiety or fear in your life?*

 *What has helped you in times of anxiety or fear? What spiritual coping strategies have you heard of or found most helpful?*

 *Discuss the role of prayer in the midst of uncertain or impossible situations. What would it look like to come to deeper dependence upon God for the future?*

- 2 **When intense circumstances invade your life, unexpected difficulties come your way, or an impossible situation turns things upside down, what do you do?** How do you normally respond? Does the stress and strain impact your sleep, eating, breathing, etc.?

 *In a moment of intense crisis, Daniel prayed and then went to sleep (Dan. 2:17-19). Take a look at Psalm 3:4-6, 4:8, 127:2. What lessons can you learn from Daniel and the psalmist about a response of faith?*

- 3 **How do you think the people of the world generally see God--as a ruler, a benevolent creator, one of many divine beings, or some nebulous force?**

 *What is the connection between the amount of anxiety and stress in our world and its predominant views of God?*

 *When we have a proper view of God's kingship, we can turn from stressing and worrying, and instead rejoice and submit to his rule.*

 *How can you cultivate a greater knowledge and a more consistent meditation upon the kingship of God? Think practically about what it means to acknowledge the reign and rule of Christ (think through some key words – obey, submit, rely, expect, praise). See also Psalm 47:7, 93:1-5, 96:4-5*

