Common Ground 2020 - "Different is Good" - The Book of Daniel Week 1 "Embrace Your Exile Status" Daniel 1

Daily Devotion Questions

- 1. Share with your group some of your biggest takeaways from this week's Scripture passage and sermon? What might God have been trying to teach you this week?
- 2. Have you ever felt like an exile? Reread Daniel 1:1-8. How can you relate to how Daniel felt as an exile? How did Daniel show courage?
- 3. The concept of "Different is Good" is such a popular concept in our culture today. Sometimes, this can get warped in today's society. How can we appropriately apply this concept to us as Christians today?
- 4. Pastor Dave explained that Daniel was different because he loved and feared God more than anything else. Can you say the same for yourself? What do you find fearing or loving more than God? How has that affected your decisions in the past? How has it affected your relationship with God?
- 5. Reread Daniel 1:9-21. How did the decision Daniel make influence others around him? Have there been times that you've influenced someone, or maybe someone has influenced you by what they stood for?
- 6. Share with your group any changes that God is pushing you to make after listening to this week's sermon and studying Daniel 1? What else did God's Word tell you to do this week? Did you do it? If not, what kept you from obeying? What was the outcome?