

DEFINING MOMENTS

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

SERMON NOTES

October 6, 2024

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

“Navigating Cultural Chaos”

Defining Moments: “Navigating Cultural Chaos”

When God is first you will know _____ no matter _____.
[Daniel 1:1-7]

The Christian’s purpose is our _____ in _____.
[Daniel 1:8]

Next step questions to navigate cultural chaos:
[Daniel 1:8-21]

- Will you stand-up with _____? [Daniel 1:8-10]
- Will you stand-up with _____? [Daniel 1:11-12]
- Will you stand-up with _____? [Daniel 1:13-16]
- Will you stand-up with _____? [Daniel 1:17-20]
- Will you stand-up with _____? [Daniel 1:19-21]

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Pathway Group Discussion Questions:

Note: 1, 9-10 are general questions asked at Pathway weekly.

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. The book of Daniel has two primary themes we will continue to come back to in our “Defining Moments” series. First, that God is sovereign (in control) and second that God is gracious towards His people. How does this encourage you as you consider this cultural moment in 2024?
3. Read Daniel 1:1-7. How does the fact that they faced defeat, shame, and exile encourage you with what you are facing today?
4. Pastor Brian said, “the enemy works to rename, tame, and claim you”. How did the enemy try to do that with Daniel and his three friends? Have you seen this attempt in your own life?
5. Read Daniel 1:8. Daniel was likely 17 and clearly knew his identity and his actions revealed his purpose. How does a clear identity inform our actions and lead to our purpose as a Christian? How do we get this backwards often in our American culture?
6. Read Daniel 1:9-21. What is some of the “cultural chaos” that Daniel stands up to? How might this encourage us to stand up today?
7. How did you answer the “next step questions” from the message?

Note for life group leaders: if you need additional support or resources due to the depth of the verses and topics covered don't hesitate to reach out: zorom@pathwayvb.com

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September 22 – September 28, 2024

FINANCIALS

\$27,845 down 20.4% to budget for W/E 9/28/24

\$1,357,541 down 5.8% to budget for Year to Date

-\$64,855 Net Revenue after including other income through August 2024 (Reminder that summer months are lower giving so create more negative net revenue)

\$193,395 for Missions or 15.3% of General Giving YTD through August 2024

CONNECT

Total Worship Attendance: 995

Online: 130

TWC Attendance Sunday: 520

Kids Sunday: 124

Students: 221

GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 82

Discipleship Groups: 242

Salvations (YTD): 93

SERVE

People Fed at Food Pantry: 57

Weekly Volunteers: 84