

FUSION Q's... Daniel 1 - History is the Unfolding of God's Plan

Discussion Questions

Read Ephesians 1:6-14

- Q1. How does it make you feel to know that history is the unfolding of God's plan? Explain why you feel this way.
- Q2. Talk about a time in your life when you did not understand something that was happening at the time, but later looked back and saw how God was using it for good.
- Q3. Daniel very clearly gives God the credit for everything that is happening in his life in Chapter 1. Do you give God credit for the achievements and successes in your life? Why or why not?
- Q4. Do you think your perspective of God and his involvement in your life would change if you constantly gave him credit (or thanked him)? How do you think this would affect you?
- Q5. Why do you think we all still struggle with doubt and mistrust even though God has so obviously been in control of history for thousands of years?
- Q6. How is it possible for you to maintain a healthy relationship with Jesus in our culture that is often so critical of Christian faith and beliefs?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Ephesians 1:6-14 (p. 704)

⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

⁹ God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. ¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. ¹¹ Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

¹² God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. ¹³ And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. ¹⁴ The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.