

Daniel 2 Discussion Questions

- King Nebuchadnezzar was one of the most powerful people on earth, yet he couldn't understand his own dream. What does this tell us about the limits of human power and prestige?
- The Chaldeans admit that they can't explain the king's dream. Why is this significant in a culture that prized wisdom and control?
 - How does Daniel's quick instinct to pray set him apart?
- Why do you think God chose to reveal the dream's meaning to Daniel rather than directly to the king?
- The statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream is made of increasingly weaker materials: gold and silver, bronze, iron, and then a mixture of iron and clay – each representing different empires. What does this progression tell us about human kingdoms?
- The stone that destroys the statue is “not cut by human hands.” What does that detail reveal about the nature of God’s kingdom?
 - Why is it significant that God’s kingdom is made of the least valuable material – stone?
- Daniel gives credit to God in the presence of the king. Are there areas where you struggle to give God credit in your own life? What truths can we dwell on to fix our hearts?
- Nebuchadnezzar falls on his face in response to the revelation. What kind of humility does God seem to be drawing out of him?

- Ben's sermon emphasized that God's kingdom has changed the world in four key areas: *human worth, authority, identity, and hope*. What does the "kingdom of man" have to say about these? How does the kingdom of God correct each one?
- In what ways has our culture retreated from the truth of universal human worth?
- What difference does it make that rulers (and the state) are not absolute, but are subject to God's standards?
- How does grounding your identity in Christ—rather than achievement, power, or approval—change how you face failure or loss?
- What kingdoms do you see your peers, colleagues, and others in DC building that are not the kingdom of God? What kingdoms are you tempted to build? Which faulty foundations are you tempted to rely on?
- Ben closed by noting, "Every kingdom that is not built on Jesus is coming down." What does it look like for your personally to build on the foundation of Christ?