

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **October 26, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Handwriting is on the Wall, Part 1." Please read the sermon passage (Daniel 5:1-12) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline:

WHEN GOD'S JUSTICE IS FORTHCOMING, PEOPLE TEND TO BE . . .

1. **Indifferent to what God's holiness demands** (1-4)
  - a. People often live off of the glory of the past, ignoring the danger of the present.
  - b. Morally indulgent people are irreverent toward God--they don't care what God's holiness demands.
  - c. The converted soul sees the cost Christ paid to make sinners holy.
2. **Troubled by what God's Word implies** (5-9)
  - a. Try as one may, no one can keep God out of their lives.
  - b. On the wall where the glorious Babylonian history is recorded, God wrote his own story.
3. **Forgetful with regard to what God's servants have provided** (10-12)
  - a. Daniel, now 70 years of age (or so), had been forgotten by Belshazzar.
  - b. In their great hour of need, the "State" came looking for the "church."

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God lets those who trample his holiness underfoot flourish for a little while. They live a "high life," mocking God in their disobedience. What affect does this have on the Christ-follower? How does this impact your prayer life?
2. Based on #2, above: How have you tried to keep God out of your life? How did he break in?
3. Based on #2, above: We live among people who are really alarmed by what God's Word says (an exclusive God who has provided only one way of Salvation in Jesus). What can we learn from Daniel's choices (1:11-15), convictions (1:8), work (1:20), words (2:14) and patience? Do you think your faithfulness, forgiveness and resolve looks like Daniel's?
4. Based on #3, above: Daniel could have gotten bitter because he had been forgotten. He could have angrily demanded respect or spoken spitefully to the king. He did not. How do your words and attitude toward those who seem to have "forgotten" you reflect God's forgiving heart?
5. Based on #3, above: Those opposed to God will receive justice. Romans 1 says that most people "suppress" this reality, but it is coming. Discuss.