

## Sermon Discussion Questions Daniel 2 --- September 20

The “wise men” were asked to do something humanly impossible - not just to interpret a dream (which they could fake) but to even tell Nebu what the dream was....or be killed.

How did Daniel respond to this impossible task?

Talk about how this shows the importance of:

### 1) Authentic and Community

When have you turned quickly to your closest relationships for prayer when you are faced with what seems impossible?

### 2) Prayer

Is prayer your first response? Last? In the middle?  
Do you expect God to give miraculous answers?

God answered Daniel in a miraculous way...read through Daniel's prayer of worship and gratitude in 2:20-23.

Does God still reveal great mysteries to us? Talk about that.

Talk about the dream, and what it says about earthly kingdoms.

Talk about the 2 ways we typically react:

### 1) “Being so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good”

What might this look like?  
How can this be seen in an “under-emphasis” on politics?

### 2) Having “eternity amnesia” as I (functionally) put my hope and trust in this earthly kingdom.

What might this look like?  
How can this be seen in an “over-emphasis” on politics?

How can being “heavenly minded” lead us to love, serve and engage with more freedom, courage and humility?

It is easy to think about others as setting themselves up as kings and rulers, and how futile and fragile that reign is. BUT...this applies to us as well. How do we set OURSELVES up as ruler and king (or queen).

How do we do that on a daily basis?  
Why do we do it?

How can we find ourselves in Nebuchadnezzar, both in his arrogance as well as in his humility?

This chapter has 2 very overt references to Jesus.

1) 2:11 *“The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”*

How does God himself coming in the flesh impact the way God has and does know and speak with us? (John 1:14)

Read Ephesians 1:7-10 to see a glorious summary of Jesus revealing the great mystery of the secrets of life.

2) 2:34 *As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces... 35b But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.*

How is Jesus this miraculous stone (asteroid?)?

How does Jesus not only break down, but build back up?

How is it that this exact thing that happened TO Jesus on the cross (break down and resurrect) reveals a far greater King that not only conquers all other kings (including me) as well as the great Uniting King?