

# DO NOT COMPLY

A STUDY THROUGH DANIEL



# WEEK 1: THE IRONY OF GRACE & TRUTH

## WELCOME

Share one or two funny memories from high school.

## WORSHIP

Ask someone to read *Psalm 139:1-12* aloud. Spend a few moments in silence—pray for whatever the Lord brought to your attention after hearing the verses.



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3. List some ways that Daniel exemplified grace and truth in *Daniel 1:8-16*. (HINT: grace and truth can appear multiple times)

4. Where do grace and truth appear in *Daniel 3* when Daniel's friends were saved from the furnace? (HINT: grace and truth can appear multiple times)

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5. Share about a time you had to choose between faithfulness to God and complying with culture. How did God's grace help you in that moment?

6. How is the faith of young people tested in today's culture? What does **1 Timothy 4:12** say about the faith of young people?

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7. Daniel remained faithful to God into old age. How are you encouraged or challenged by his example?

## **WITNESS**

Where in your life are you currently facing a “lions’ den” moment? Where in your life do you need to lean in more to grace and truth? Share with the group and then pray for one another.

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## PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

1. Memorize **John 1:14**
2. Read **Daniel 1:8-20; 3:13-18; 6:6-23**.
  - How do these passages illustrate the tension between standing for truth and receiving grace in difficult situations?
  - What role does faith play in balancing grace and truth in these stories?
  - How can you apply this balance in your own life when facing opposition?
3. Read **John 1:14, 17 and Daniel 4:34-37**.
  - How do these verses show the intersection of grace and truth in both Jesus' life and Nebuchadnezzar's story?
  - What can we learn about God's grace in the midst of being humbled by truth?
  - How does recognizing God's truth lead to experiencing His grace more deeply?
4. Develop your own approach to living in grace and truth:
  - Consider areas in your life where it's difficult to stand for truth while showing grace.
  - Identify situations where you've struggled to balance grace and truth with others.
  - Look for 5-10 verses on how Jesus modeled grace and truth (e.g., **John 1:14-17; Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 15:11-32**, etc.).
  - Select the 3-5 verses that speak most to your life and relationships.
  - Reflect on how these verses can guide your actions and interactions with others.