

Missions: An Adventure In Faith

STUDY NO: 5

TOPIC: Daniel – A Wise Man of God – Wisdom In Missions

BIBLE PASSAGE: Daniel chapters 1 & 2, Philemon 1

HOW TO STUDY THIS LESSON:

Open in prayer asking God for truth and wisdom from His Word.

Read the Bible passage

Answer the questions, writing the answers in the space provided.

Take about 3-5 minutes per question.

Fill in the "Personal Application" section

If you have time write down prayer points for members of the group.

Close in prayer.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. 1 John 2:20,27; James 1:5-8, John 6:44,45 - There are many difficult problems that a missionary must solve. These are often made even more complex by the fact that the missionary often has to deal with powerful people from another culture, language and world-view. How can the missionary get guidance?
2. Read Daniel chapter 1 - Daniel was in a foreign country and working for a foreign government headed by the people who had just invaded and destroyed his nation. Furthermore Daniel and his friends were put in the "Astrologers, Conjurers and Diviners" department of government advisors. How did they cope?
3. Read Daniel 2:1-30 - What was the Insoluble Problem that Daniel faced?
4. How did Daniel gain wisdom from God to solve this problem? (Daniel 2:17-19)
5. What was Daniel's attitude when he received the answer? (Daniel 2:20-30)

6. What was the King's response? (Daniel 2:46-49)

7. How can the "wrong place" (the astrology department in Babylon) sometimes turn out to be "the right place"? Can we trust God's dealings in our lives?

8. Can God give you wisdom and solutions even in the darkest of places and the most threatening of situations? How does this apply to Christian ministry in non-Christian nations?

9. What is the process for obtaining wisdom from God? (James 1:5-8, Daniel 2:17-19)

10. Sometimes wisdom from God is not religious or spectacular – it can seem like skill (Exodus 31:1-6) or just plain common sense (Isaiah 28:23-29) but wisdom from God is always a constructive solution to a real need.

11. How do missionaries need wisdom when dealing with: governments, development projects, personal conflicts, and issues of culture and church practice?

12. What issues facing you could be helped by the gift of wisdom from God?

PERSONAL APPLICATION – a command to obey, a warning to heed, a promise to claim, a deed to do, an attitude to change....

PRAYER POINTS - Use "Operation World" by Patrick Johnstone to pray for: Afghanistan