



THE CHURCH OF THE  
RESURRECTION

# REZGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Rez Moms Book Group: "On Reading Well" by Karen Swallow Prior - Starting Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 pm. You can sign up If you have questions contact Ali Kjergaard at [akjergaard1@gmail.com](mailto:akjergaard1@gmail.com).
2. Readers Training - Saturday, October 16, 9-11 am. Please contact Acacia Danielson
3. Newcomers' Dinner: Saturday, October 16 at 7 pm at Dan Claire's house. You can register on the website or on Church Center
4. Volunteer Appreciation Lunch - Sunday, October 17 at 12 pm. Please RSVP before Tuesday October 12th.

## ICEBREAKER

Do you rely more on the Lord in times of prosperity or in times of difficulty? Why do you think that is?

## SCRIPTURE - Daniel 4

### Discussion Questions

1. **Summarize Nebuchadnezzar's dream in this chapter. What might have caused him to be terrified?**
2. **Verse 17 says that "the sentence is...to the end that the living may know the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men." What do you think this verse means? Does it challenge your perception of who God is and how he acts?**
3. **If Nebuchadnezzar had repented, as Daniel suggested in v 27, do you think God would have withheld his judgement? Explain your reasoning.**
4. **What do you learn about Daniel from his response to Nebuchadnezzar in this situation -- first in v19, and then in v27? Where in your own life might you respond similarly to a person or situation?**
5. **What brought about Nebuchadnezzar's change, and what did God cause to happen? (V28-33)**

6. Was Nebuchadnezzar's change of heart in vv 34-37 real? Explain your thinking.
7. What attribute of God was most prominent to you in this chapter, and why? And what part of this chapter challenged the way you think about God and how he interacts with humanity?

## PRAYER

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant says*

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings follow. Please include the following in your prayer.*

*Missionary: Jim Hagan - Serving at Coalition for Christian Outreach and the Augustine Center*

*Persecuted Church and her Persecutors: [Nepal](#)*

- 1. Pray for Christian women in Nepal who face persecution from their family members. Many are beaten, threatened, not allowed to go to church, rejected and left alone. Please pray that, with God's strength, these women will continue to stand strong in their faith, and through them God would bring their entire families to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ.*
- 2. Pray God will soften the hearts of those enforcing the restrictions on evangelism, and that He might draw them to Himself through the courageous witness of our brothers and sisters.*

*Global Concern:*

1. *Pray for those in the Philippines impacted by the extrajudicial killings, imprisonment of journalists and clergy, and communities threatened by violence as result of the war on drugs.*
2. *Pray for journalists from Afghanistan who are in jeopardy of being silenced, detained and killed for reporting the news in their struggling nation.*

*Church Ministry: Clergy, Parish Council, Staff, and Building Leadership Team*

*A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom  
Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord!

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant may then concludes*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*