

November 1, 2026
Daniel Series
Main Text

Pastor Trey Hildebrant
Baptism Sunday
Daniel 4:2, Acts 8:26-39

Discussion Questions

Belong: Icebreaker

Play a fall-themed “This or That” and have group members pick one option. Feel free to add your own!

- Pumpkin carving or Pumpkin Pie.
- Cozy sweater or favorite sports team sweatshirt
- Smores or candy corn
- Pumpkin Spice Latte or hot cocoa
- Christmas decorations up NOW or wait until after Thanksgiving

Note: We are pausing the next section of teaching in the Daniel Series to celebrate Baptism Sunday.

Welcome to the **“Daniel: Far from Home** series**”**.

Today, we are in week two of a SEVEN-week series through the OT book of Daniel called **Far from Home** – we are **far from home** spiritually and this impacts how we live in this culture.

The world is **complex**. We experience fear and confusion as we look to the future and try to navigate life. ***Follower of Jesus or not***, we can all admit that there is worry about how to live today and prepare for tomorrow.

Concerns about the economy, politics, global relations, our collective morals and values as a culture, anger and division, relationship tensions…from raising kids, watching the news just waiting for the next shoe to drop, another bombshell report affecting everything from gas prices to the price of a hamburger! The rise of AI and the never-ending swirl of technology giving rise to even more worry about the future.

We live in a **complex and confusing** time. We have tons of questions with no easy answers. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will talk about questions like these:

- What's my role in today's constantly shifting culture?
- Can I live boldly for Jesus in my career in the 21st century?
- How should I respond when someone says my Christian views are unloving?
- How do I help my kids engage in a culture without losing them to it?
- Can we engage culture without compromising our faith?

Believe:

Recap what we have learned from the study of Daniel so far:

- Week 1: Exile - Overview
- Week 2: Stand firm and love well - Daniel 1&2
- Week 3: The Fiery Furnace - Daniel 3

Read Daniel 4:1-3

Who is speaking here? What is he trying to communicate? Does this surprise you?

Think about this year. What signs and wonders has the Most High God done in your life or in the lives of others you know? How might you celebrate what He has done?

Become:

Read Acts 8:26-39

What do you learn from this story?

Read Jeremiah 29:13

What does Jeremiah 29:13 teach us about what's required to meet God?

"All that is required to meet God is a seeking, humble heart. In fact, the only prerequisite for a move of God in your life is desire. Do you want Him? Not our performance, perfection, or religious activity. We can't be good enough, go to church enough, behave well enough to earn God's favor. It's His love that draws people to Himself. And it's our love for Him that moves His heart." Pastor Trey Hildebrant

How did the Ethiopian meet God?

What did Philip share about that Gospel as he speaks to the Ethiopian?

How did the Ethiopian respond? What happened as a result?

Note on Baptism: Baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality. Baptism does not save but is the celebration and sign of our salvation. It symbolizes that we were one way BEFORE Christ, we go down INTO Christ and come out BRAND NEW. We hold to what is called "believer's baptism." That baptism, being fully submerged into the water, is the sign of faith for people who have given their lives to Jesus.

Why do you think some people wait to be baptized after deciding to follow Jesus?
Have you been baptized? Share your experience with the group.

Closing:

- Spend time praying together as a group.
- Listen to the **Between the Lines Podcast** with Pastor Trey and Matt McGee to find out more about the story of Daniel. You can find it on the First Orlando App by clicking on “Experience” and then choose “Podcast” and find First Orlando’s Between the Lines.
- Today is **Baptism Sunday at all our campuses in all services! Celebrate with us!**
- Join us for our **One More Equipping Night** on November 12th at the John Young Campus. This event is for everyone in 6th Grade and older. Tickets are $10 and include dinner and training; https://firstorlando.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/4750/responses/new