

Week One: The Unexpected Way of Discipleship

Note to Leaders: You will need a way to watch a short video this week. You may also want to print the study this week for participants since it has lots of context information!!

Opening Time: \$VN HYHU\RQH WR VKDUH WKHLU QDPH DQG D OLWWOH
ZHHN LI \RXU JURXS FKDQJHV :KDW GUHZ \RX WR EH SDUW RI
H[SHULHU\G\RUQE SDVW %LEOH VWXG\SHW" DQYMLRN RVHKHDUG D
ERRN RI 'DQLHO" ,I VR ZKDW GR \RX UHPHPEHU"

SETTING THE STAGE:

7KHUH DUH DOO NLQGV RI ZD\W WKDW ZH FRXOG VWXG\ WKH ER
IRU RXU SDUWLFXODU ZHHNV WRJHWKHU %XW RXU FKRVDHQ 3SD
OHQV RI GLVFLSOH\WKQSIURKFDWDGRH\ZHDGRXW ZKDW LW ORRNV OL
HVSHFLDOO\ GXULQJ VHDVRQV WKDW GRQ\W ORRN WKH ZD\ ZH
LQ WKH UHDO VWRU\ RI RXU OLIH" 7RWRHSDLIURIRXUWSDVW\OHQVIUZ
ZLWK D VWRU\ RI -HVXV IURP WKH ERRN RI ODWWKHZ +RZ LV 'D
SHUVRQ DQG UHLJQ RI &KULVW DQG KRZ GRHV WKH ODQGRWUW
LQ WKH ERRN RI 'DQLHO" 7R H[SORUH WKHVH TXHVWLRQV ZH Z
D GLVWLQFW VWRU\ DQG ZLQGRZ LQWR D SDWWHUQ RI GLVFLSO

CONTEXT:

\$V ZH EHJLQ D VWXG\ LW LV RIWHQ KHOSIXO WR OHDUQ D IHZ
WKDW DQ\RQH LQ WKH URRP LV D VFKRODU RQ WKH ERRN RI 'DQ
VDPH EDVLFV DQG ERRN WILWZ\KHQ HW\WK LEVJ VWRU\ RI UHGHPSWLF
4XLFNO\ GLVFXVV UHYLHZ DVN VKDUH WKH FRQWH[W TXHVWLRQ

Who wrote the book of Daniel?

/LNH PDQ\ ERRNV RI 6FULSWXUH WKHUH LV VRPH GHEDWH DER
WKH ERRN ZDV SULPDULO\ ZULWWHQ E\ WKH KLVWRULFDO SHUV
SUDFWLFH RI ZUH\LOQ\WKXWGRSHUVRQ ZDV D FRPPRQ DQFLHO
WDVWH\ WR ZULWH DERXW \RXUVHOI LQ WKH VW SHUVRQ

Where does the story take place?

,Q D NLQJGRP FDOOHG %DE\ORQ ZKHUH WKH FDSWXUHG SHRSO

When does the story take place?

7KH ERRN GHSLFWV HYHQW%&IUBD\WKERXJK WK%&YLVLRQV LQ WKH
DQG IDU IXWXUH

Why was Daniel (and the whole nation) taken into captivity in the first place?

)URP WKH WLPH RI NLQJ 6DXO WKH ILUVW NLQJ RI ,VUDHO WK
LQVWUXFWHG DOO WKH ZD\ EDFN WR \$EUDKDP EXW HVSHFLDOO
SHRSOH ZKR ORYHGJ KERGUDQ%GXOR\HWGRHILFDOO\ WKH SHRSOH R
DQG WKH\ WUHDWHG HDFK RWKHU DQG WKHLU QHLJKERUV ZLWK
QDWLRQ WKURXJK WKH SURSKHWV VZKFRWKEDENHIDIRMMWRKXOQW
DQG KXQGUH*GRGRIHQDIDWV GLVFLSOLQH WKURXJK PRYLQJ WKHP I
WKLW H[LOHG SHRSOH

Who was the intended audience?

