

# Growth Teams

Week Beginning  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## Going deeper

The letter to the Hebrews is full of quotes and explanations from the Old Testament that are designed to bolster our faith in Christ. It is a book that wants to strengthen our faith in the face of persecution and struggles (cf. especially 10:19-25). This section in particular gives us one perspective on suffering.

## Read Hebrews 12:1-11

5. How is Jesus an encouragement to us to persevere despite suffering (vs. 1-3)?
  
6. Why should we not lose heart when God disciplines us?
  
7. What is the purpose of God's discipline?
  
8. Read Daniel 4:2-3. How did Nebuchadnezzar view God's discipline after it happened? (cf. Heb. 11:11)
  
9. What hard lessons have you learnt from the hardships God has sent you in the past?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## Daniel 4 (page 887-889)

Space to take notes on the talk

A Lesson \_\_\_\_\_

Plenty to be \_\_\_\_\_?

The Bigger they are \_\_\_\_\_

Restored with a \_\_\_\_\_

### Starter question

- ❖ What do you feel are your greatest achievements in life?

### Responding to the talk

1. What from this week's talk do you most hope to talk about?
2. Read Daniel 4:19-22
  - a. Why do you think Daniel was terrified?
  - b. What is impressive about the tree in the dream?
  - c. How does the tree represent Nebuchadnezzar?
3. Read Daniel 4:23-33
  - a. What is it about what Nebuchadnezzar says that provokes God's to pronounce this decree?
  - b. How does all this illustrate what Nebuchadnezzar says in verse 37?
  - c. Is what happens to Nebuchadnezzar judgement or discipline?
4. Read Daniel 4:34-37
  - a. How has Nebuchadnezzar's attitude changed?
  - b. What key things has he learnt about God?
  - c. Do you think he heeded Daniel's advice in verse 27?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

### Applying it to our lives

10. What things do people seek their own glory in today? Can you think of any examples of how God has humbled the proud?
11. In what ways can we ensure that when we achieve good things we do not turn it into an occasion for self-glorification?