

# Growth Teams

Week Beginning  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## Going deeper

The Apostles were often under pressure from those in power to stop preaching the good news about Jesus. In this section, they have just been ordered to be quiet about Jesus (4:18). Their response is to meet together and pray.

## Read Acts 4:23-31

5. In verse 24 the prayer starts with a detailed description of who they are praying to. Why is this description of God important at this point?
6. Read Psalm 2, which is quoted in verses 25 and 26. Why is this Psalm relevant to the apostles in Acts? Was it relevant to Daniel?
7. How is the story of Jesus being conspired against by the officials in Jerusalem applicable to this situation (see verses 27-28)?
8. What do the apostles actually ask God to do?
9. How do our prayers compare with this prayer? What can we learn from it about prayer?

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

## Growth Teams

Growth Teams are a wonderful opportunity to go deeper with other Christians. They are a great place to build real friendships and support networks, to pray for one another and to look more carefully at the topics we consider on a Sunday.

Our main focus on Sundays until Christmas is the book of Daniel. The Daytime growth Teams will be looking at this book, whilst for this term instead of evening Growth Teams we are running the course: ***How to like the Old Testament again, This Tuesday 7:30-9:00pm in church.***



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

## Daniel 6 (page 890)

Space to take notes on the talk

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Daniel:**

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### Starter question

- ❖ How do you feel about the cinemas refusing to show the Lord's Prayer advert?

### Responding to the talk

- Which character in Daniel 6 do you most relate to? Why?
- Read Daniel 6:1-15
  - What motivates these men to want Daniel dead?
  - Look at verses 8, 12, 15. What phrase do they keep repeating? In what way do they treat the law?
  - Read Proverbs 6:12-15; 14:30; Psalm 57:6. How does this story illustrate the teaching of these verses? cf. Daniel 6:24.
- Read Daniel 6:16-20
  - How does Darius feel about what is happening?
  - Compare verse 14 and verse 16. What has Darius realised about his own power and God's power?
  - Read verses 6-9 and 26-27. How has Darius changed through what has happened?
- Read Daniel 6:10, 21-28
  - Read 1 Kings 8:46-51. Why is it so important for Daniel to pray towards Jerusalem?
  - What reason does Daniel give for his rescue? (vs. 22)
  - In what ways is what happened to Daniel similar to what happened to Jesus?

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

### Applying it to our lives

- A Christian friend is feeling jealous of someone else and is eager to outdo them? How might you gently encourage them to change their attitude?
- How does this story encourage us to pray?