LifeGroup Meeting

Be Distinct "Characteristic of a Distinct Life"

Get To Know You Question:

What was one goal you set that you stopped for nothing until it was reached? Why was it important to you?

Let's Dig Deeper

Daniel 1:8-21

CHARACTERISTICS OF A DISTINCT LIFE

1. GOD'S PROTECTION

- Someone read 2 Thessalonians 3:3 and Deuteronomy 31:6. Theses verses and many like them explain how God protects His own. However, is there ever a time where God's protection is conditional? Explain.
- Are there any examples in the bible where God does not always protect believers in identical ways?
- God's promise of protection is extended to whom, and how is this indicated in **Proverbs 18:10**?
- What is involved in finding refuge and protection in God's name?

2. UNHINDERED PERSISTENCE

- Someone read **Galatians 6:9-10**. How does this refer to persistence? What does "good" mean in this verse?
- How can you develop persistence as you listen to God?
- I have seen often how persistence can easily lead to judgmental attitudes. Why is that?
- What is it about Daniel's persistence that motivates you?

3. UNBLEMISHED FAITH

- Bad things and good things happen to all people. Everyone has their highs and lows. How did you remain faithful when the bad and lows came?
- There are two constant themes in the Bible: God is in control, and the righteous will suffer. Where does faith come in on those two themes?
- What is it about Daniels faith that encourages you?

4. UNMEASUARABLE BLESSING

- Because of Daniel's distinctness, God gave him divine wisdom. How is divine wisdom and blessing related?
- Why should we, as Christians, seek God's blessing?
- Someone read **Psalms 67:1**. What is God's blessing rooted in? Why is this so important?
- How does God's blessing in our lives overflow towards others?
- Take some time and share how we have been blessed by God in the last month.

5. <u>Pray!</u>