



Today's Topic: Inspired by God's Ways

Daniel 1:8-14

Sunday, January 2, 2022

1. Seeing _____ Differently

"But Daniel resolved not to _____ himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to _____ himself this way."

Daniel 1:8 (NIV, 2011)

2. Seeing _____ Differently

"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then _____ our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see."

Daniel 1:12-13 (NIV, 2011)

3. Seeing _____ Differently

"At the end of the ten days they looked _____ and better _____ than any of the young men who ate the royal food. So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead."

Daniel 1:15-16 (NIV, 2011)

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he _____ those who earnestly seek him."

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps: How can we be a little different, in a good way?

Discussion Questions:

1. What ways do people use to evaluate their significance and worth?
2. Read Daniel 1:1-8. Why was this issue of food and drink so important to Daniel?
3. Read Deuteronomy 14:3-20. Why would God require His people to abstain from certain “unclean” foods?
4. Read Daniel 1:9-14. Describe the “test” that Daniel proposes. What does this test tell us about Daniel’s point of view?
5. Read Daniel 1:15-21. How does God validate Daniel’s point of view?
6. How can we believe that God will reward faithful behavior when we see the righteous so often suffer while the wicked seem to prosper?
7. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?