

The Stand

Part 1: Introduction

Daniel 1:1-4

Launch

We're finally back to live services. What did you miss most about not meeting in person?

Explore

Read the passage

If this is your first time reading Daniel (or the first time in quite a while), what things did you learn from the first four verses? What's confusing or unclear?

What were the qualifications of the young people selected by Ashpenaz? Why do you suppose this was the criteria?

As members of a conquered nation, how might the young men selected to be trained to serve in the king's palace have felt? Why?

Apply

When it comes to raising and training our kids, what should be our goals? In other words, what/who are we raising them to be?

Parenting is hard, especially in our current culture. What are the obstacles to raising godly children? If you're a parent, what have been your biggest parenting struggles?

This topic can induce a lot of guilt and regret in us, making us feel like we've failed to raise our kids well. Knowing that it's never too late to make a change, what is one step you can take to be more intentional about raising a Daniel?

Pray

Ask God to give you wisdom and favor to influence the next generation. Pray that, as He works in you, the grace you experience will overflow to others.