



# TURN *the* PAGE

## SESSION 6 – FROM CAPTIVE TO COURAGEOUS

### MESSAGE BIG IDEA

We “Turn the Page” by letting our identity in Christ help us to live courageously.

### SCRIPTURE

Daniel 6

### ICE BREAKER & OPENING THOUGHT

1. Who is your favorite superhero and why?
2. What do you think it means to have an identity? What gives you a sense of identity?

### BIBLE DISCUSSION

3. Read the story of Daniel and the lion’s den in Daniel 6. What stands out to you about the story?
4. What do you think about Daniel’s choice to act “just as he had done before?”
5. In what ways have you ever been put in a similar situation? What did you do?

### LIFE APPLICATION

6. Daniel found himself in a place where his values conflicted with the Babylonian values. What differences do you see between the values taught and lived out by Jesus and the values of our contemporary culture?
7. Daniel must have known it would have been easy to continue praying but in secret. However, he continued to follow God and didn’t hide his actions. In what areas of our culture do you feel pressure to conform? What do you think would happen if they didn’t conform or keep their values secret?
8. Daniel stood out because of his values and was isolated as a result. In what ways have you felt out of place or isolated because of a decision you’ve made or a commitment to following Jesus? How did you handle being “out of place?”
9. Daniel lived courageously. By choosing to pray and worship God as he always had done, he was risking his life. We have protections in this country for our religious freedom, but that doesn’t mean we won’t face consequences for choosing to follow God. Share an example of a time you may have been fearful in living courageously for God.

### CHALLENGE

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Have people name their favorite superhero. Have a few uncommon heroes that you can add to the list to give others new ideas. Discuss what it means to have an identity, about how it’s more than labels but about actions.

### BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read Daniel 6 and discuss the story of Daniel and the Lions Den. Specifically highlight Daniel’s decision to continue to pray and openly in verse 10-12 and how that set him apart. Have the group discuss Daniel’s action and courage.

### LIFE APPLICATION

Discuss what values Christ has called us to and how those differ from contemporary culture. Discuss the ways Christ followers may struggle with the ways Kingdom values conflict with the values of our culture. Some areas for consideration are money, power, pleasure, sacrifice, compassion, justice, and other-focused love. If the group gets stuck in the “moral” issues and conflicts of the day, try to push them to think more broadly about some of the topics listed above. The group doesn’t need to be an expert on all these topics, help them think through all of life through the lens of the cross and what the cross says about God. Encourage the group to think about how living in a Christ-centered way would impact their daily lives. Like Daniel, we can live courageously to make an impact at home, work, school or wherever we may go.

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