**Life Team Bible Study**

For the week of October 15 – THRIVE wk 2

**HANG**

* If you had to watch one television program continuously for three days in a rowm what would it be?
* If you could relive any moment in your life, what day would it be? Why?
* What day you not want to relive ever again? Why?
* Was there anything that stood out, caught your attention or confused you from Sunday’s service?

**HEAR**

Daniel was in the worst imaginable place - kidnapped, castrated, forced to study the occult, and serve an evil king - YET - in his 70 yrs. Brought 3 amazing revivals to a dark world and rose in authority. He was able to more than just survive - but THRIVE!

* This weekend we saw Daniels secrets to success in Babylon. Who can recap Daniels story from Sunday (Daniel 1)? It was about how he responded.
* What are some pressures we face in today’s world that can make it hard to live a righteous life?

**What were the 3 Secrets of Daniel from Chapter 1**

* What do they mean?

1. Optimism – because God is in control.
2. Humility – showing respect even to his enemies.
3. Wisdom – knowing when to take and stand and not to.

* **Thriving in life does not mean that we deny the reality of darkness and fear.** There are real things worthy of our concern and even fear. But it does mean that we never lose our hope and confidence in God no matter what life throws at us.
* Jesus recognized that the twelve disciples would face some serious fears after He was gone. What hope did Jesus give them in the following verses?

John 14:1, John 14:26-27, John 16:33

* What hope does Paul also give us in Romans 8:38-39 to combat fear?

Romans 8:38-39

**Daniel’s outlook (the 3 big secrets) allowed him to thrive despite the pressures of a godless culture. What are some things found in the following verses that can help us thrive despite the pressures we face in our world and culture?**

Psalm 119:9-11, Romans 12:1-2, James 1:22-24, 2 Timothy 2:24

* **The level of our humility is often revealed in how we respond to those who oppose us**
* How does Romans 12:9-16 help us better understand and define what godly humility looks like?

HOME

* Looking back at this week’s study, what point or verse is most important for you to remember in order for you to continue to “thrive” in the midst of your own Babylon?
* Write out he verses that connected with you the most and try to memorize them.

**Leader tools**:

Prayer is an important part of the Christian life, which is why we desire for prayer to be a priority in Life Teams. Good group prayer often takes effort, so here are some guidelines to help make your prayer time more effective.

* WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME- Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request either before prayer begins or during the prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.
* EACH PERSON CAN PRAY MORE THAN ONCE- Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about.
* WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE- Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.
* YOU MIGHT WANT TO PRAY FOR REQUESTS BEFORE THE BIBLE STUDY- praying before ensures that time is spent on the requests without feeling rushed at the end.