

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 being never and 10 being always), how would you rate your level of wisdom when making crucial decisions? Why would you rate yourself this way?
2. Who is the person you know personally who has the most Godly wisdom? What makes them so wise in a Godly way?
3. How do you guard yourself from thinking that you don't need God's input or the input of those wiser than you in your life?
4. In order for Daniel to be effective in his public life as an official to King Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel had to have a strong private intimacy with God and with His Godly friends. How might you grow in your personal intimacy with God to empower your public life?
5. Would you choose today to trust Jesus as the LORD of your life - ruling in all things? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your lifegroup leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

***Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am Yours, and You are mine, In Jesus name, AMEN.***



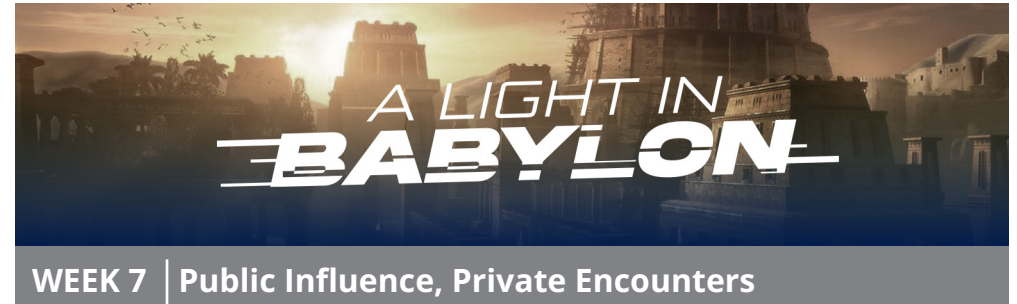
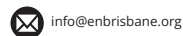
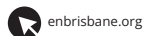
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## PRAYER

Oh, God, we bless Your name forever and ever. To you belong wisdom and might, and light dwells with you. And you promise to give us everything we need, and You share these things generously with us. All glory be to Your name, in Jesus name we pray, according to Your word, which we love.

*Radical - David Platt on Daniel 2*

## OPENING QUESTION

(OPTIONAL)

If you could study anything right now what course would you study or class would you take?

## NOTES

<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, <sup>18</sup> and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. <sup>19</sup> Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. <sup>20</sup> Daniel answered and said:

*"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,  
to whom belong wisdom and might.*

<sup>21</sup>

*He changes times and seasons;  
he removes kings and sets up kings;  
he gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to those who have understanding;*

<sup>22</sup>

*he reveals deep and hidden things;  
he knows what is in the darkness,  
and the light dwells with him.*

<sup>23</sup>

*To you, O God of my fathers,  
I give thanks and praise,  
for you have given me wisdom and might,  
and have now made known to me what we asked of you,  
for you have made known to us the king's matter."*

[Daniel 2:17-23 \(ESV\)](#)

He knows what is good, and right, and best, perfectly. He is all wise. Even that, we could just stop there. We can trust God even when things are not going the way we would plan and we don't understand why this or that is happening. To be able to pause, get on our knees and just look up and say, "God, to you belong wisdom, not me. I trust your wisdom." And then think, okay, what if God was wise, but He didn't have power to do what was good, and right, and best? But that's the beauty. Verse 20 says, "To you, belong all wisdom and might. To you belongs all power. Praise God, the one who has all wisdom, also has all power." Can you imagine if that were not true? If God was wise but weak, or if God was powerful but not wise. He was foolish with power. Praise God, He is all wise and all mighty.

And not just that, see His love here. He gives wisdom to the wise, He gives it. He doesn't keep His wisdom to Himself. He gives it. That's the whole picture throughout the rest of this prayer, all the way down to Verse 23. Daniel says, "You give me strength and you give me wisdom. You've made known to me what we asked of You, God." And this is what we see all throughout his word, think James chapter one, "He is generous with His wisdom, and He's generous with His strength, with His might." Oh God, we praise You for Your perfect wisdom and for Your perfect might, and for Your perfect love, and grace, and mercy that You would share these things with us. That when we need wisdom. God, I know there's people right now, I know I'm one of them, and many people listening to this right now praying with me who need wisdom, who need wisdom in our lives in so many different ways.

Just like, so many different circumstances. We need wisdom right now, and You tell us that when we ask for wisdom, You are generous and You give it to us. When we trust that You will give it to us. So we say, "Yes, God, we trust in Your wisdom. We trust that You're all wise and we trust that You'll provide it as we ask it of You now. God, we pray for wisdom and we pray for strength." God, I pray for those who are feeling weak, as I am, in many ways. We pray for Your strength and our weakness, for Your might and Your power, and Your infinite ability and our inability. And God, we pray for Your mercy.

Do these things in our lives, in my life and the lives of everyone who's listening to this, right now. God, we pray that You would grant us the wisdom that we need, and the strength that we need, by Your mercy for whatever we're walking through right now, for whatever comes our way today.

[David Platt - God is All Wise \(Daniel 2:20-23\)](#)