



# WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Faithful Presence

### *On Bended Knee*

**Daniel 2:46-49**

#### EXPLORING THE SERMON

- What did you hear?
- What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

#### VERSES FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

*Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery."*

**Daniel 2:46-47.**

The way in which King Nebuchadnezzar falls before Daniel, seemingly worshipping him for interpreting his dream, demonstrates an immature kind of faith, or as Thomas describes it, "a starting point in faith." This kind of faith, which revolves around a God whom we invoke to show up and fix things when we need him, is not foreign to us. Our faith, at times seems to be more shallow and situational like King Nebuchadnezzar's, rather than mature and consistent like Daniel's.

- *When we treat God as a "genie in a bottle," only pulling Him out when we need Him, how is this this type of faith ultimately unfulfilling and unsustainable? When everything is correct and going well in our lives, why do you think we often tend to feel like something is still missing?*
- *Discuss the differences between the kind of faith displayed by King Nebuchadnezzar in contrast to that of Daniel. What are some changes you could make that would cause you to live a life that revolves constantly around God, not just when you need him?*

**Heavenly Father,** We see Daniel's steadfast faith and how it allowed him to glorify you in the midst of captivity. Help us to pay attention to the parts of our lives where we reduce You to something smaller, only calling on You when we need You. Rescue us from a life and faith that is small, and lead us toward a life that revolves around You. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

