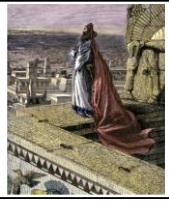




PAULSGROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH



Daniel 4
Humbled
and
Restored



Sunday 29th May



1. God humbles the proud (v.4-33)



2. God exalts the humble (v.34-37)

Questions to discuss and pray through this week

Why is it easy to forget that becoming a Christian is as contrasting as light and darkness, being lost and found, and life and death?

Read Daniel 4:1-3

Nebuchadnezzar is emphatically shouting the Gospel about God from the rooftops! When have you felt most passionate about sharing your faith in Jesus? And when have you been least motivated? How can we ignite a desire for our 'world' to know about Jesus?!

1. God humbles the proud

Read Daniel 4:4-33

King Nebuchadnezzar had to hit a crisis before properly responding to God. Did this happen to you? Why does God often work in this way?

Have you experienced a battle for your soul, where you resisted God for a while until finally surrendering?

Nebuchadnezzar had to "renounce his sins" (v.27) and change his ways. What is repentance, and what indicates if someone has truly repented?

Do you tend to be in awe of successful and powerful people? How does this story show us that they need Jesus just as much as anyone else?

2. God exalts the humble

Read Daniel 4:34-37

God was patient with Nebuchadnezzar over many years. If this story demonstrates how God can change even the most stubborn heart, who have you stopped praying for because you've lost hope?

In what way does God 'exalt' us once we have a humble heart? Is it always with material wealth, as in Nebuchadnezzar's case?

Whilst our story of conversion is really helpful for people to hear, why must our 'testimonies' of God at work in us also include recent things?