

▶ Level One “What” questions ◀

- What purpose did Nebuchadnezzar have for bringing Daniel to Babylon?
- What pressure or influence was put on Daniel and his friends to “live life the Babylonian way?”
- What was Jeremiah’s counsel to the exiles? (Jeremiah 29:4-9)
- What does “in the world, but not of it” mean to you?
- What does it mean if a Christian is being “salt and light”? What does this look like?
- What happened to the Jews that had them “rethink (or change) their theology?”
- What horrific or shocking event (were it to happen) might possibly have the power or influence to make you think differently of God – and you might rethink your theology?
- (At this time in history) What was the Jewish people’s view of Nebuchadnezzar?
- Was Nebuchadnezzar a dictator? A harsh ruler? A tyrant? A despot? A horrific and terrifying ruler for the Jews?
- Why, then, did God raise up Nebuchadnezzar?
- What do you think might be God’s view of Nebuchadnezzar?
- What “Nebuchadnezzar” in your life can you now (by hindsight) see as a blessing from God in disguise?

▶ Level Two “When” questions ◀

- When and how have you ever had to change your view of how God was going to work out His purpose in your life?
- When have you been tempted to compromise your commitment to the Lord?
- When has God ever brought humiliation in your life and why do you think He did it? What did you learn from it?
- When did you ever find yourself in a totally alien situation? What was it like?
- Where do you believe God wants you to stand firm because of your faith?
- Where does love for the world compete with love for God in your life?
- Where most do you sense the world trying to squeeze you into its mold?

▶ Level Three “How” questions ◀

- How can you “in practice” live as a stranger and alien in this world? (Hebrews 11:13)
- How does your thinking have to change in order to achieve this? How does your opinion of the world have to change to for you to live as a stranger and alien? (Lifestyle?)
- How can you prevent or hinder the world’s influence on you? (In detail)
- What steps can you take tomorrow to accomplish this? Will you?
- How can you fight back against the pressure the world uses to squeeze you into its mold?
- How can the story of Nebuchadnezzar (and how God used him) help you to stand firm in the faith in the midst of faith-trying trials?
- How are you fulfilling Jesus’ command to be salt and light?
- (If not) How will you begin living this way?
- How will you, in detail, take this message and put it into practice – every day?
- How can this Minichurch help you?