

Eureka

Daniel 5 is an eureka moment. The writing hand is mysterious and reveals the secret of God's plan for Belshazzar, but also speaks to us today.

Daniel 5:1-31

THE STORY

- Holy Vessels - A disregard for what is sacred
A recap of history—539 B.C.
- Hand writing - words of doom create enormous fear
Wisemen do not have a clue
- Heavy Words - "mn' talpis"
Numbered, weighed, divided . . .
- Handsome Reward - both then and forever

THE LESSONS

- * Contrast—The author compares Daniel 4 & 5
humility/pride; restoration/destruction; repentance/hard heart
- * Déjà vu—The Book of Daniel is a series of repeated stories
The Lord is patient; God is persistent; repeated opportunities to change/grow
- * Eternity in the Balance—mene, tekel, peres
Your days numbered; Your life weighed; Your destiny divided

Notes: _____

Reflective Questions

- 1) When have you been surprised by joy; by fear?
- 2) How would you describe the comparison between Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar? How does Daniel challenge each of them?
- 3) The Lord repeats opportunities in our lives to grow; how has that been true for you? What might God be saying to you through the story of Daniel 5?



ANGEL TREE

Sunday, November 21

Our Angel Tree opportunity is fast approaching when you will be able to select a child (or more than one child) from our Christmas tree. This is a chance to represent an incarcerated parent by giving a Christmas gift.

LINGER LONGER

Sunday, November 21, after our Sunday Gathering

A Linger Longer Lunch at last! Sunday, November 21, after the 10am gathering we will have a fine lunch with great fellowship. Soup and bread, pumpkin pie and cookies . . . also peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the kids. Let's come be thankful together.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday, November 27, 9am-12pm

It's hard to believe Christmas is already around the corner, and we need your help decorating the church! Saturday, November 27th from 9am-12pm, we'll be decorating the lobby, sanctuary, and Christmas trees for the season. We're looking for at least 4-5 people willing to give up a few hours of their Saturday morning. If you are able to help out, please connect with Celeste either in person or through her church email before November 19th.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, December 9 in the Gym, 10am-3pm

What better way to celebrate Christmas than giving the gift of life? We are hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, December 9. Sign up early so you can get into the timeslot you want. Just visit redcrossblood.org & enter sponsor code: NewHarvest.

ALL IS BRIGHT

A NEW HARVEST WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Saturday, December 11, 10-11:30am in the Auditorium

Join us for this free event for women. Our guest speaker will be our own Debi Stangeland. Sign up in the Lobby if you intend to attend this event.

MEDIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like to work with technology? Sunday mornings our media team shows the words to the music & sermon on the screen as well as online. We need volunteers to make this happen, and are looking for 3-4 people to help one Sunday a month. No experience is necessary, and we will train you. If you would like to join this team, write "Media" on a Connection Card, email celeste@newharvestch.org, or message online at newharvestch.org/connect.

Welcome

GUESTS & VISITORS

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use the Connection Card in the back of the chairs or our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.



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