

In The Crowd
Lessons From Daniel
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Opening

-story of God speaking at Exxon

- That was the seed...
- You are now the seed...
- Appetite for growth not ego but a mandate...(Eden and Matt 28)
- Whites, Nowotnys, Hiltzs...

Introduction

-our introduction text

- End of year of popularity
- Numbers 15:37-41, tassels, "kanaf"
- Malachi 4:2, healing in His wings, "kanaf"
- Means edge but also used for bird's wings
- Belief becomes healing in Messiah's hem...

-Luke 8:40-50

- Blood makes one ceremonially unclean...
- If you being unclean touch someone else...
- If Jesus wasn't the Messiah, she likely would have been stoned
- What incredible faith!!!

-I share all of that to say this, every time I read this story I always wonder who else was "In The Crowd" that day who needed the power of Jesus but were afraid to be seen?

-Which brings me to my next question, how many times do we gather together on Saturdays needing the power of Jesus but choose to stay hidden in the crowd?

-I wonder if that is true for some of you here now.

-Praying this week I had such a sense that today is going to be a day when some of you **find the liberty of stepping out of the crowd...**

Daniel/Belteshazzar

-Who here can tell me who this is?

- Hannaniah - Shadrach
- Mishael - Meshach
- Azzariah - Abednego

-Meanings

- Daniel...God is my judge (heart...)
- Hannaniah...God has shown grace (heart...)
- Mishael...Who is what God is (heart...)
- Azzariah...God has helped (story...)

Is Jesus First?

-Daniel 1:1-2

-Daniel 2:46-47 (still didn't elevate God over the rest)

-When you think about all your many life roles, all the ways you find your identity, is being a devoted follower of Jesus first?

-Is Jesus just a player on the team of your life or is He the franchise?

Who Is Your Company?

-Daniel 1:8-16 (they didn't let the crowd become their company)

-1 Corinthians 15:33 (reference)

- "homilia" - companionship, communion, even intercourse
- only use in NT...God does this to give it emphasis!
- but is this a contradiction?

-Romans 10:9-14 (reference)

- **the only safe way to be a witness to a crowd who don't follow Jesus is for my life to be tethered to the company of a local church!**

-Matthew 16:17-18 (reference)... **is the crowd you are supposed to reach becoming the company you keep?** (especially teenagers)

Are You Neglecting Your Gift?

-Daniel 1:17

- 1 Corinthians 12:7 (reference)... “each of us”
- neglect through comparing...
- neglect through withholding...
- neglect through shame

-Daniel 2:17-18...every gift is made more effective in community!

-Revelation 19:6-8...are you going to be walking around Heaven in a smedium!

-What would your Gift Performance Appraisal look like right now?

Band

-The Gospel...

Close

-Pastor Justin