

**In The Crowd Series
Lessons From Daniel 1
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Opening

-Men's Retreat...

-I am remember the first time I ever stood up in church service in response to a moment of prayer... (MCC standing to pray for a friend)

-new series...each week...don't stay In The Crowd...

-PRAY

Introduction

-our introduction text

- End of year of popularity (you too have enough reason to believe!)
- 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
- I share this because there are always whispers of doubt!
- There will be whispers of doubt for you tonight...this series!

-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.

-Be inspired by this woman's example! When we get to the moments of response each week, find the courage to reach for Christ!

Daniel/Belteshazzar

-Who here can tell me who this is?

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

-Meanings

- Daniel...God is my judge (have a Daniel heart...no fear of man)
- Hannaniah...God has shown grace (H heart, qualified for grace)
- Mishael...Who is what God is (M heart, something only God does)
- Azzariah...God has helped (A story, a story to tell the world)

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...

- PARTICIPATION
- all the ways you find your identity
- is being a devoted follower of Jesus first?

-Think about school...is Jesus just a "subject" or is He the whole school?

-Think about professional sport...is Jesus just a player on the team of your life or is He the franchise?

-if He is just part, we tend to compromise with things like "love your enemy" but when He is first, we are compelled to obey and follow!

-WHO HERE TONIGHT...

Band

-(worship team to come up during this final prayer)

-WHO HERE TONIGHT...

Close

-this series...come each week ready...bring people who need an Encounter!

-(possible Gospel close...from creation to children)