



Discussion starters Chapter 9

1. The goal of the Christian life is holiness – being set apart for God’s purposes. What can we learn from Daniel’s approach to setting himself apart from the culture he lived in (while still very much being part of it)?
2. When Daniel became aware of danger, one of the first things he did was to go to his friends and ask them to join him in praying (Dan. 2:13-18). Do you have this kind of community of friends who you can go to for support in prayer whenever trouble arises? What steps could you take to establish one?
3. A key part of Daniel’s prayer was confession, not just for his own sins, but for the sins of Israel collectively (see Dan. 9:4-14). Confession has been a pivotal feature of every major revival. How often do you confess the sins of your nation, and cry out for God’s mercy? Why not do so now, and then incorporate it into your regular prayers?

