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THE GOSPEL  
ACCORDING  
TO DANIEL

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HCPC 2020 BIBLE STUDY

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**Read:** Carefully read the chapter in Daniel.

**Reflect:** In the remaining space, jot down any initial observations that encourage your heart, stir your faith, or expose your need for Jesus' redeeming work.



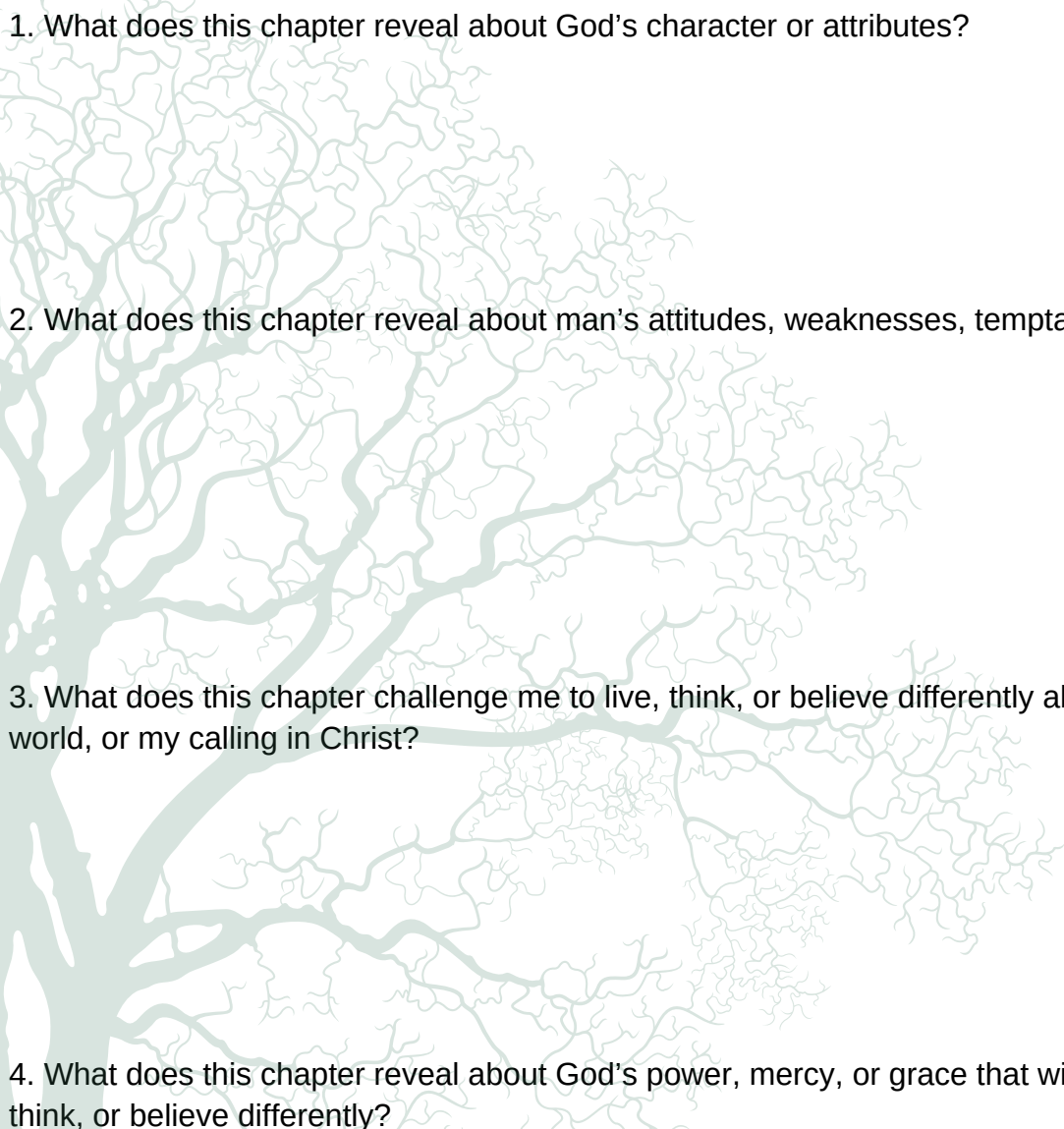
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1. What does this chapter reveal about God's character or attributes?
  2. What does this chapter reveal about man's attitudes, weaknesses, temptations, or sins?
  3. What does this chapter challenge me to live, think, or believe differently about God, myself, my world, or my calling in Christ?
  4. What does this chapter reveal about God's power, mercy, or grace that will enable me to live, think, or believe differently?

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**Read:** Carefully read this chapter in The Gospel According to Daniel.

**Reflect:** In the remaining space below, jot down what appear to be the main ideas of the chapter, especially noting section headings and the major concepts that either confuse you or encourage your heart.



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**Read:** Carefully read this chapter in The Gospel According to Daniel, (or quickly skim if you've already read) this chapter in The Gospel According to Daniel (GAtD).

**Reflect:** Answer the questions below based on the content of the chapter.

1. Chapell has a helpful a single short sentence summary for each of the first five chapters in the opening of chapter 6. What is his one sentence summary for chapter 6? Is that a good summary? Why or why not?

2. What are the signs of "trust" in Daniel's life? How evident are these signs in your life and where are they lacking? Are there other signs worth considering?

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### 3. Chapell (p. 115):

*Bible teachers often refer to Daniel as one of the great “success” stories of the Scriptures. Such a perspective results from a very selective gathering of facts from the prophet’s life. A more honest weighing of all the facts will cause us to speak less of “Daniel the Great” and more of “Daniel the Tested.” No victory lasts. No triumph makes more than the most fleeting of spiritual impressions on Daniel’s history, culture, or circumstances. As far as he knew, his life had been spent in fruitlessness.*

What are some of the evidences of “fruitlessness” in Daniel’s life according to Chapell? How have moments of fruitlessness and trials in general impacted your confidence in the God’s work in your life and your worth in His kingdom?

4. In addition to the call to trust, Chapell reminds us of our call to “live for God.” What are the marks of a life of courage? What are some specific ways God might be calling you to live with courage?

5. Living in hope is another aspect of living for God. How does Daniel show a life lived in hope? Reflect on some of the ways that our world could use more hope. How could such a life make a lasting impact on the world around you, even if it means ‘standing against the river’ of sin and brokenness in our world?

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**Read:** Read back through your notes and observations from the week's study.

**Reflect:** In the remaining space below, write down things that particularly challenged or confused you in the readings this week that you could relay to your small group, as well as prayer requests and praises you wish to pass on to the group, and any additional insights that you've learned along the way.

