



WEEK 4

LIFE Hacks

FINDING A BETTER WAY TO LIVE IN BABYLON

DISCUSSION

QUESTIONS

Life Hacks questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group.

A life hack is a clever way to solve everyday problems. The reality is that disciples today need to think creatively when considering how to navigate upstream in a downstream world. The series focuses on some innovative ways to live out our faith in a modern-day Babylon, taken from a genius life-hacker named Daniel.

1 A DREAM COME TRUE... Neb adores God? Read Daniel 4:1-3. High on the list of things Neb most needed to learn was that he was not “most high.” Six times in Daniel 4 God is referred to as “the Most High.” What is the significance of this title for God, and why is it so prominent in this chapter?

2 Pride isn’t necessarily boasting as much as it is living like God does not exist or does not matter. With that in mind, Rick said that pride is the biggest obstacle to salvation. Do you agree? If so, why? What are some ways that pride seduces us today?

3 A DREAM COME TRUE... Daniel implores Neb. Read Daniel 4:4-8, 19. Neb was troubled because he did not know what the dream meant; Daniel was troubled because he did. Daniel had the courage to confront Neb’s pride and challenge him to humble himself. Where did Daniel get that kind of courage? When is it appropriate to speak so boldly to another person?

4 A DREAM COME TRUE... Neb ignores Daniel. Read Daniel 4:29-33. Neb becomes lower than any person he ever oppressed. All God did was remove the constraints to reveal his true nature. In what ways did God’s judgment on Neb reveal the insanity that was already present in his life?

5 A DREAM COME TRUE... God restores Neb! Read Daniel 4:34-37. Like the prodigal son, Neb had to “come to his senses.” And he finally did! Neb praised God for the capacity to think clearly. A man who was once so full of pride is now willing to share the most humiliating experience of his life. Think of a time when God had to humble you. Like Neb, are you willing to share your testimony to enlighten someone else?

6 STUMP SPEECH... Speak the truth in love. Speaking the truth in love is not easy. It can tend to be more truth than love, or more love than truth. What can we learn from Daniel about keeping both in balance?

7 STUMP SPEECH... Seek a kingdom that will not make you crazy. Read Mark 1:15. One of the hardest things about living in Babylon is that insanity is normal, and it is easy to be seduced by the “crazy life.” Jesus’ call to repent and seek his kingdom first is an invitation to escape the insanity. In what ways is this true? Why is it crazy to pursue other kingdoms more than God’s?