



WEEK 6

# 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 DANIEL'S FAITH** had a "lasting" impact. Daniel's faith literally outlasted the Babylonian empire. Daniel had a lasting impact on his culture because he had a lasting faith. How do you think he kept his faith vibrant and alive after decades of living in exile?

**2 LASTING FAITH** gets tested for integrity. Read **Daniel 6:1-5**. Daniel serves with competence and excellence in a culture not of his choosing. Lasting faith shapes and influences every area of a person's life. Daniel's faith produced incredible integrity in the workplace. How does our faith impact the way we work? And how can we be more intentional about the marketplace being our mission field?

**3 LASTING FAITH** sets honoring God above all else. Read **Daniel 6:6-10**. Prayer was a core discipline in Daniel's life, even though he was an extremely busy man. He wasn't going to change the way he nurtured and lived out his faith just because the culture changed the rules. What do you think motivated Daniel to keep praying to his God even when he was risking His life? What motivates you to pray?

**4** What is necessary to develop a disciplined and consistent prayer life? What could you start doing now to improve your "window time"?

**5 LASTING FAITH** lets God have the last word. Read **Daniel 6:16-23**. Daniel's courage did not depend on his knowing the outcome. He did not know the end of the story in the middle of the story. He trusted God without a guarantee of deliverance. Why is that important, and what does it teach us about true faith?

**6** The early Christians saw many similarities between Daniel and the test of the cross that Jesus faced (for example, both were framed by people jealous of them; both were arrested after they prayed; both had government officials who wanted to release them; both entrusted themselves to Him who judges justly; both were placed in a hole covered by a stone; and both were raised and vindicated). How does seeing Daniel as a shadow of Jesus shape our understanding and appreciation for our salvation?

**7 FAITHFULNESS** will be rewarded at last. Daniel's story should inspire you to finish strong. Notice how it inspired the apostle Paul (see **2 Timothy 4:16-17**). It is so encouraging to see and know saints with a lasting faith who finish their race strong. Who has been a Daniel in your life? Share their example with your group. What is one thing you can begin doing today to make sure your faith has a "lasting" impact?