

# GROWTH GROUP

## Study Guide

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Trusting God in Trying Times – Daniel 1:1-7

### My Story

1. What nicknames did you or your friends have when you were younger? How did you/they get those nicknames?

### Digging Deeper

2. Verse 2 indicates that God “gave” Judah and the king into Nebuchadnezzar’s hand. Why would God allow His people to be besieged and exiled?
3. What are some of the strategies the king used to get Daniel and his friends to assimilate into the Babylonian culture (vv.3-7)?

4. What is the significance of Daniel and his friends being given new Babylonian names? How might this relate to cultural assimilation today?

### Reflection

5. Are there ways in which you feel pressured to assimilate to our secular culture (work, school, social circle, etc.)?
6. Why is it that a person’s first reaction to difficulties in life is often to question God’s goodness and sovereignty? How can we remind ourselves that God is good & sovereign?

# SERMON NOTES

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## Taking the Next Step

Make a point to read 2 Chronicles 36:5-21 this week. It will give you a deeper understanding of what was going on in Judah during the early years of Daniel's exile in Babylon.

## Praises / Prayer Requests

