

**Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Part 1):
The Forgotten Dream**
(Daniel 2:1-30)

I. Introduction: We question ...

- A. God, where are You?
- B. God, do You even care?
- C. God, are You really in control?

II. Exposition: Nebuchadnezzar's Forgotten Dream (2:1-30)

- A. The dream of Nebuchadnezzar (2:1-3)
 - 1. Nebuchadnezzar's dreams
 - 2. Nebuchadnezzar's troubled spirit
 - 3. Nebuchadnezzar's request of his counselors
- B. The demand of Nebuchadnezzar (2:4-13)
 - 1. The first exchange
 - 2. The second exchange
 - 3. The third exchange
- C. The discernment of Daniel (2:14-16)
 - 1. Daniel's request of Arioch
 - 2. Daniel's response from Arioch
 - 3. Daniel's request of Nebuchadnezzar
- D. The declaration of Daniel (2:17-24)
 - 1. The request for prayer
 - 2. The revelation of the mystery

- 3. The response of Daniel
 - He praises God for His ...
 - He thanks God for giving ...
 - He asks Arioch to ...

E. The dream's true Interpreter (2:25-30)

- 1. Arioch speaks
- 2. Nebuchadnezzar speaks
- 3. Daniel speaks
 - No man can reveal mysteries
 - The God in heaven can reveal mysteries
 - Daniel purpose and role in the mystery

III. Conclusion: God answers our questions ... and questions us ...

- A. I am right here (Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20)
- B. More than you can imagine (John 3:16; Romans 8:32)
- C. Yes, supremely! (Psalm 135:6; Daniel 2:21)
- D. Will you trust Me? (Proverbs 3:5-6; Jeremiah 29:11)

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

- 1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
- 2. Have you asked any of the questions in the introduction in the past and if so why (what were your circumstances)?
- 3. Once he discovered the problem, Daniel asked for prayer and sought God in prayer. What can we apply from his actions to our own lives?
- 4. Daniel then took time to praise God for answered prayer before he acted. What can we learn from his example?
- 5. What lessons about humility can we gain from the life of Daniel?
- 6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
- 7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)