

**STANDING FIRM IN A SHIFTING CULTURE**  
(Flourishing in Babylon- Lessons from Daniel- Part 1)

Daniel 1:1-21

Daniel's Challenges:

- Separated from \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Given new \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Subjected to forced \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel's Response:

- He \_\_\_\_\_ to obey God
  
- He was \_\_\_\_\_
  
- He acted \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill-ins: family; name/identity; indoctrination; resolved; respectful; wisely*

**Life Group Questions for the Week of November 7, 2021**

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
  
2. Daniel 1:8 tells us that Daniel resolved not to defile himself with something he was being offered. What things in our culture can defile you?
  
3. In what ways have you seen our culture trying to indoctrinate us and get us to change our identity?
  
4. What are some of the ways you've seen people blend into the world? What do you think is most difficult about standing out for God and not blending in?
  
5. What are some examples of standing out for God in the wrong way you've observed?
  
6. How does what Paul says in Romans 12:2 relate to keeping from blending into the world? Discuss ways we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.
  
7. Read John 17:15-18. How can you be a thermostat versus a thermometer in your relationship with those you are being sent to as a representative of Jesus?