



The Time Is Now!| Doug Wekenman | 8.22.21  
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**What is your favorite dessert?**

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Doug used the Book of Daniel to remind us that The Time Is Now! Before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

**What's one word that would describe how you're feeling today?**

**What is one thing you feel like God is teaching you right now?**

**What was the most challenging part of your week?**

**What was the highlight of your week?**

GROW

### Read Daniel 4:19-33

What do you know about this passage? Who is Daniel? Who is King Nebuchadnezzar?

Daniel interprets a dream for a King who is completely focused on himself and his earthly kingdom. Here we read about Daniel's interpretation becoming reality in the humbling of King Nebuchadnezzar.

As Doug preached this week, just as Babylon tried to find fulfillment on their own, we try to write our own gospel as humans. Much like the Fyre Festival example Doug used, we as humans are constantly chasing fleeting solutions. We often measure our lives through our happiness and end up jumping from hamster wheel to hamster wheel running with things that never work.

If the secular gospel isn't working, the solution is not more of the same. The solution is the true Gospel, the good news that Jesus made a way for us to be with God forever!

What are the hamster wheels you have run on trying to find fulfillment?

Have you ever experienced the secular gospel failing you? If so, tell the Group about it.

### M O V E

### Read Daniel 4:33-37

What can we learn from the resolution to Nebuchadnezzar's story?

What do his final words tell us about God being on the throne and not us?

The Babylonian gospel leads to the king they chose to worship in the wilderness, and the kingdom they chose to follow falling. The pleasures of this life continue to amount to nothing, and the proof is that thousands of years later, we're still searching.

This is because the Gospel of Jesus is the only way we can find ourselves truly whole. Because the Gospel proves true again and again, we can take heart knowing it does not fail when we see a world that is failing around us.

What's one way this week you can say yes to Jesus and no to Babylon?

What does "the time is now" mean tangibly in your life today?

#### P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

#### T O G O

*"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."*

- *Ecclesiastes 3:11*