

Discussion Questions
Thriving in Babylon Part 3
When There's No Answer

Despite being the center of all knowledge, arts, and sciences at the time, Babylon embodied everything the world had to offer. And yet the top advisors could not provide him with an answer to his questions.

What are some questions that our world (or yourself) has that only God can answer?

Jim quoted a woman named Michelle Newberry who spoke at a meeting of the anti-religion group "Atheist Friends United." What was the conclusion she came to that she shared there? If there is no God, do you think what she says is correct? If there is a God who walks among us (specifically the God of the Bible) what does that say about us?

Read Daniel 2:12 - 18

Why did Jim say they prayed?

Read Daniel 2:19-23

Where is Daniel's focus in this passage? Why not focus more on himself?

Read Daniel 2:24 - 28

Why is God revealing mysteries to an ungodly pagan ruler?

Jim said "Maybe God has given us what he has given us not just for our benefit, but for *their* benefit. Do you agree? When God answers your prayers do you think about it this way?

Daniel 2:29 - 45

If God told you to tell Nebuchadnezzar that, would you do it?

Jim said that the dream shows that ultimately every kingdom of this world will come crashing down. How does this help us thrive in Babylon?

Daniel 2:46-48

How might Daniel's story inform your actions in what is going on in your life, or the world, today?