

YOUR NEW NORMAL

Discussion Notes

SPIRITUAL

As we start the new lockdown you may want to spend some time talking with your Hub about what would be helpful for the next month, how you can be supporting each other and helping each other grow in this next time period.

You might also want to start the session by breaking into smaller breakout rooms or groups of 3s and 4s and spend 5 or 10 minutes asking how we are doing following the latest developments.

Read Ephesians 6.12

Philip said that when it comes to angels, the supernatural and 'spiritual forces of evil', we tend to either dismiss it completely or pay way too much attention on it.

- Why do you think this is? Which tendency do you have in thinking about these things?
- Why do you think the Bible doesn't give us more clear indications about what's happening in 'the heavenly realms'?
- Where can you see evidence of the persistent influence of evil, spiritual 'rulers, authorities and powers' in our world? How should this change our perspective on the world?

Read Daniel 10, the whole chapter.

- What surprises you about Daniel's account of his vision of Gabriel and the things revealed to him?
- Does the description of this angel match up with your ideas about angels? If not, what's different - and why does it matter?
- How do you think Daniel felt when he discovered that the prayers he'd been praying for 3 weeks had played a part in this epic spiritual struggle between Gabriel, the 'King of Persia' and the archangel Michael?
- What do you think would have happened if he'd given up early? How does this affect the way you think about prayer.

Daniel's isn't given that much information about the spiritual battles happening around him but he is told that he's 'Highly Esteemed' and that his actions had a direct impact on the supernatural realm.

- What does it mean to have a reputation in heaven, for angels to say you're highly regarded? Do we need to be reminded that we are highly valued in heaven when we pray?
- How does this passage impact your feelings about prayer in general?

Philip said, "the single most important thing we can do to change things is pray".

- Does your prayer life reflect this?
- How can we grow in prayer over the next month?

We are starting a new weekly Metro Prayer at 7:30am on Thursdays on Zoom. Do encourage your Hub to come along as we pray together each week for half an hour.

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