

# GREAT CHALLENGES

STANDING OUT FOR GOD IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGES

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL

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## Great Challenges Part 7: Hostility

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SCRIPTURE: Daniel 6

### Discipleship Group Questions

Below you will find suggested questions / discussion topics / Scripture references, to assist you in preparing to lead your group meeting:

1. Ask each member of your group to share what impacted them the most and why from Sunday's message, "Great Challenges – Hostility."
2. Ask the group to do a quick evaluation of their spiritual walk. Now ask, "Do you believe that others are jealous of what you have spiritually, based on how you live your life?" "Why or why not? Discuss."
3. Ask the group to share a time in their lives where they have faced hostility because of their faith in Jesus Christ? Now ask, "If you have never faced hostility because of your faith, what does that say about your faith?" Discuss.
4. Lead the group in a discussion of how one's spirituality is exposed in hostility. Ask, "Based on Scripture, do you believe it is possible to 'sit on the fence' and be a Christ follower?" "How do you believe those around you (i.e., family, friends, co-workers, etc.) describe your spiritual position:
  - 1) On God's side;
  - 2) On the fence; or
  - 3) On the other side of the fence?""Why?" Discuss.
5. Have someone from the group read aloud 2 Timothy 3:12 which states, "In fact, all those who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." Now ask, "Do you believe this?" "Are you experiencing this?" "If not, why not?" "What needs to change in your life based on this Scripture?" Discuss
6. Ask the group: "When others see how you handle difficulty, does this bolster your testimony of Jesus or undermine it?" Discuss.
7. Ask the group: "What are some reasons others would want to acknowledge God based strictly on your life testimony?" "If you don't act like, walk like, talk like, and behave like Jesus, how can you expect others to do so?" "What needs to change in your life?" Discuss.
8. Close in prayer.

References: Daniel 6; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Peter 4:12-16; 2 Timothy 3:12; John 15: 18-21; & 2 Timothy 4: 1-5

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