

Deliver Us Daniel 6:1-28

Jesus' spiritual authority got him nailed to a cross; Daniel's got him thrown to the lions. If I am doing them correctly, my spiritual disciplines will eventually provoke _____ in my life as well.

Discussion 1. What spiritual disciplines do you practice? Have any of them ever provoked opposition from anyone?

When circumstances around us begin to close in and feel like our world is falling apart, that is when we learn whether our spiritual disciplines are actually _____ at all. There is no more important time for prayer and thanksgiving than when our lives are being disrupted.

Discussion 2. How has "sheltering in place" impacted your spiritual disciplines? Have they decreased or intensified or pretty much stayed the same? What have you learned in these circumstances about your spiritual disciplines?

Sometimes God's deliverance is from death and sometimes God's deliverance is through death. The point is, God is _____ to _____ and will do so in the way that is best for our eternity.

Discussion 3. We all have a story of deliverance. It probably sounds like this: "There was a time in my life when _____, but then God _____." How would you fill in these blanks?

If a lifetime of prayer, praise, thanksgiving and Bible study are all building up to being used by God for one moment to change one person's eternity, isn't it worth it? _____.

Discussion 4. As you consider the spiritual foundation you are building today, what "next steps" is God laying on your heart? Consider Psalm 46 again. Does it mean something more or different to you in light of the Resurrection Story?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?