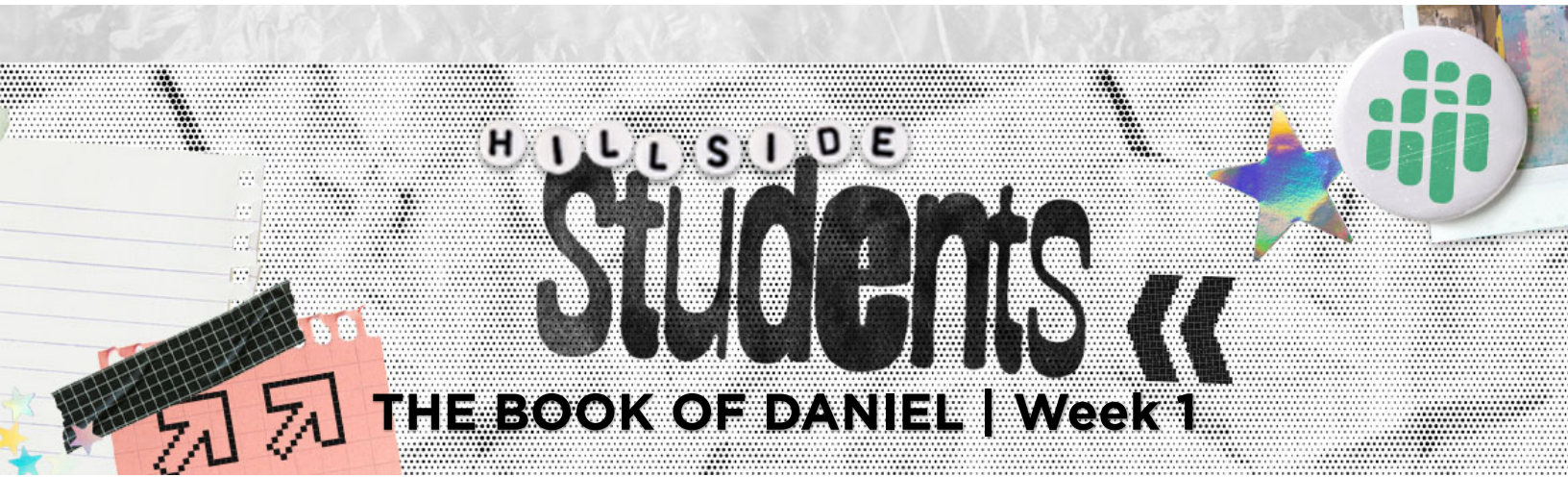




HILLSIDE

Students

THE BOOK OF DANIEL | Week 1

REMINDERS: Take ATTENDANCE! Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

GAME: 🗣️🤔 **PLAY SIGNS!** Pick one person to be the guesser and have them close their eyes/leave the room. While the guesser isn't looking, pick one person to be the sign-giver and the rest of the group will follow by mimicking what the sign-giver is doing. Have the guesser open their eyes, and the sign-giver will start an action while the followers quickly mimic. The guesser has 3 tries to figure out who the sign-giver is. Then, the sign-giver becomes the guesser and the game continues.

TOPIC OVERVIEW: High Schoolers face enormous pressures every day. They feel pressure to get good enough grades, perform well on the field, and fit in with everyone else. And when that pressure goes against the Word of God, it can feel like they are stuck in a fire. For the next four weeks, we are studying and looking at a few key moments in the Book of Daniel that can shape how we respond in these critical moments. This week, we're looking at Daniel, and how he was determined to live set apart for God.

LEADER TOOLS

ICE-BREAKERS:

- What restaurant has the best fries?
- What are some values that are important to you? (ex: telling the truth, loyalty in friendship, etc)

MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- What stood out to you from the video?
- **Read Daniel 1:8.** Why do you think it was important to Daniel to follow God's law?
- What does it mean to be set apart? What's the benefit in living set apart?
- Who is someone in your life that you can tell lives set apart? How do you know?
- **Read Romans 12:2.** What stands out to you about this verse?
- Where are you feeling the pressure to give in, or conform to the world?
- **Read 1 Peter 2:9-10.** How does knowing who you are in Jesus encourage you to live differently?
- What action do you need to take this week to live set apart? (ex: set time limits on your device, filter the content you consume, watch your words, etc.)
 - Is there something you need to start doing or stop doing in order to live set apart?
 - Take a few minutes to brainstorm and write it down.
 - Follow up with your group throughout the week to encourage each other!

DISCUSSION