

## **DANIEL SMALL GROUP GUIDE 1**

### **The Cost of Rebellion**

Daniel 1:1–2 (ESV)

*<sup>1</sup> In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.*

#### **1. The Passages Israel Violated**

**A. Forsaking the Sabbath Year- *Exodus 23:10-11; Jeremiah 34***

**B. Idolatry -*Exodus 20 – “Thou shalt have no other god’s before me”***

#### **2. The Path Israel Voyaged**

**A. The First Deportation**

**B. The Captivity**

**C. The Desolation**

#### **3. The Profession Israel Voiced**

### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Do you see rebellion and indifference in the world to God and His word?
2. Does it seem that people assume God doesn't really care about sin?
3. Do you ever struggle with sin and find yourself using similar excuses or reasoning?
4. How does the path of sin and rebellion lead to more captivity and loss?
5. What are some ways as a church we can help one another to overcome captivity to sin and get off a destructive path?
6. What kind of profession is made by a person who confesses faith in Christ but lives in open rebellion to God and His word convey to the world?
7. How can we make our profession honor and glorify God?