

**1. The story of Nebuchadnezzar**

- a) What actions of King Nebuchadnezzar might seem to have disqualified him as a candidate for salvation?
  - i) Daniel 3:1-5
  - ii) Daniel 3:19-20
  - iii) Daniel 4:30
- b) What witness had Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego provided to this pagan king?
- c) Summarize the story recorded in Daniel 4. How did God capture the king's attention and lead him to salvation?
- d) Daniel 4:34-37 What impresses you about the testimony of this converted king?
- e) How does the testimony of King Nebuchadnezzar encourage you to pray for powerful leaders in your country and around the world?

**2. The story of Naaman**

- a) What was Naaman's position of influence in the Kingdom of Syria? 2 Kings 5:1
- b) Who was sent on a mission to Naaman's home? 2 Kings 5:2-4
- c) What reasons did this captive maid have to ignore her master's need or even wish him harm?
- d) Summarize the story of Naaman's healing recorded in 2 Kings 5:5-14.
- e) How does Naaman's testimony after his healing confirm that he experienced more than just physical healing? 2 Kings 5:15-17

- f) What lesson can you learn from the conversion of Naaman about mission to the powerful?

**3. The story of Nicodemus**

- a) Unlike King Nebuchadnezzar and Naaman, Nicodemus believed in the one true God. What do we learn about Nicodemus from his night visit to Jesus? John 3:1-12
- b) What change do you see in Nicodemus as the ministry of Jesus progresses? John 7:43-52
- c) What can we learn about Nicodemus from his actions after the death of Jesus? John 19:39
- d) What other religious leaders, once strongly opposed to Jesus, also became devoted followers of Jesus?

**4. The story of two wealthy men**

- a) Matthew 19:16-22 This mission story does not end well. Why is this narrative included in the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke?
- b) Luke 19:1-10 Why does the encounter of Zacchaeus with Jesus have a different ending?
- c) What lessons can we learn from these stories about ministry to the wealthy?

