



BRAVE

GOD-SIZED CONFIDENCE IN A
POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

TAKE NOTE-MOVE #5: SEE THROUGH THE GLITTER

DISCUSS

1. What are some ways you have observed our culture overlooking God or declaring it doesn't need him?
2. Read Daniel 5:1-16. How does this story put a new spin on the catch phrase "the handwriting is on the wall"?
3. Daniel points out three times that the king's wise men failed to answer questions (see 2:10-12, 4:4-7, & 5:8). What point do you think he is trying to make?
4. Read Daniel 5:17-31. How did Belshazzar fail to learn from the past (vs 22-23)? What are some things we can do to learn from our past, to avoid falling for the glitter of the world?
5. We often get impatient with God. How does verse 30 encourage you that God will come through at just the right time? How does this help bring worldly prosperity into perspective?
6. Pastor Steve said that pride often covers insecurity. How have you observed that in the lives of those around you or in your own life?
7. Read Romans 1:18-21. We are all guilty of trying to fit God into what we want, and "suppress the truth." What are some ways we can make the 5th move, and "see through the glitter"?
8. This is a good opportunity to confess to those at your table where you might be struggling with the glitter of the world. Remember that we strive to keep what is said at the table in confidence. Pray for each other, that you will "see through the glitter."

WORSHIP MOMENT

Discuss your thoughts from your SOAP Journal Exercise from last week, then read these verses from this hymn aloud and talk about what they mean to you. Spend time in prayer focusing on the truths in these verses and asking God to help you make the right moves.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause; I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause; I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame; I'd rather be true to His holy name. "I'd Rather Have Jesus" by Rhea F. Miller

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE WEEK 5

Read: Romans 1

S – Scripture – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O – Observation – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A – Application – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P – Prayer – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.