

FRAME DEVOTIONAL SERIES • LEADER'S GUIDE

My F.R.A.M.E.

A Biblical Worldview Framework

Foundational • Relational • Aspirational • Managerial • Eternal

"Your worldview is the FRAME through which you see all of life."

Facilitator's Guide for Eight-Session Small Group Study

*Comprehensive Teaching Notes, Discussion Facilitation,
Time Management, and Worldview Formation Guidance*

Designed for small group leaders, Sunday school teachers,
and Bible study facilitators guiding participants through
the FRAME devotional series.

Scripture as foundational truth. All other material as supportive commentary.

How to Use This Leader's Guide

This guide accompanies the eight FRAME devotionals. Each lesson is designed for a 60–75 minute small group session, though timing can be adapted for Sunday school (45–50 min.) or extended study (90 min.) formats.

Session Structure

Movement	Time	Purpose
Opening Prayer & Scripture	5 min.	Ground the session in God's Word, not human agenda. Read the anchor verse or FRAME guiding question aloud together.
Teach: What the Text Reveals	15–20 min.	Walk through the theological content and biblical architecture. Scripture is the foundation; historical, cultural, and apologetic material supports it.
Discuss: Core Thesis & FRAME Connection	20–25 min.	Facilitate group discussion around the thesis statement and how this FRAME dimension connects to biblical worldview formation and revival.
Apply: Strategic Question	10–15 min.	Move from understanding to action. Guide participants to honest self-assessment and concrete next steps for living this dimension.
Close: Prayer & Commission	5–10 min.	Pray the session's closing prayer together. Commission participants to practice the dimension in the week ahead.

Preparation Checklist (For Every Session)

- Read the corresponding devotional completely — at least twice.
- Look up every Scripture reference in your own Bible. Let the text speak to you first before you teach it.
- Identify the one core thesis statement for the session. Everything else serves this.
- Prepare 2–3 discussion questions beyond those provided, drawn from your own study of the text.
- Pray for each participant by name. Ask God to prepare hearts before the session begins.
- Arrive early. Set the room. Have Bibles, the devotional, and any printed materials ready.
- Review the FRAME at a Glance reference card so you can connect each session to the larger architecture.

Facilitation Principles

Scripture First, Always

The devotionals are built on a specific architecture: Scripture is foundational truth; all historical, cultural, and apologetic material serves as supportive commentary. As the leader, model this priority. When discussion drifts toward opinions, experiences, or cultural commentary, redirect to the text: 'What does the Scripture say about that?'

LEADER TIP: *Keep your Bible open on the table throughout the session. When you reference a verse, read it aloud — do not paraphrase. Let participants hear God's Word in God's words.*

Facilitate, Don't Lecture

Your role is guide, not expert. The devotionals contain the teaching content. Your job is to draw out what the Spirit is saying to individuals through the text. Ask questions. Listen. Create space for the quiet person. Gently redirect the dominant talker.

LEADER TIP: *The 70/30 rule: participants should be talking 70% of the time. If you're talking more than 30%, you've shifted from facilitating to lecturing.*

Guard Theological Precision

The FRAME dimensions touch core doctrines — the nature of God, human dignity, absolute morality, salvation, and eternal destiny. Gentle correction is part of your role. If a participant states something theologically inaccurate, redirect with the text rather than personal authority: 'That's an interesting perspective. Let's look at what Scripture actually says here...'

LEADER TIP: *The Theological Guardrails section in each session's Leader Preparation is your first resource for this. Review it before every session so you can redirect confidently without shaming.*

Hold the Worldview Architecture

Remind participants regularly that the FRAME dimensions are sequential and interconnected. Each session builds on the previous one. The Foundational dimension (who God is) determines everything that follows. A weak foundation produces a weak structure. Help participants see the architecture, not just the individual sessions.

LEADER TIP: *Keep the FRAME at a Glance summary visible in each session — on a whiteboard, printed card, or projected slide. This visual anchor helps participants locate each session within the larger framework.*

Create Safety for Vulnerability

Several sessions — especially Sessions 4 (Aspirational/Morality), 7 (Eternal), and 8 (Synthesis) — will surface deeply personal material about purpose, mortality, and the honesty of integrated living. Establish ground rules in Session 1: what is shared in the group stays in the group. No one is required to share more than they are ready to share. Vulnerability is honored, not exploited.

⚠ CAUTION: *If a participant discloses a crisis of faith, a significant moral failure, or a personal emergency, do not attempt to counsel beyond your competence. Connect them with your pastor or a licensed Christian counselor. Your role is to care, not to cure.*

Connect Every Session to Daniel

Daniel is the series' gold standard — the most complete biographical illustration of an integrated FRAME across a lifetime. Every session references him. Help participants see Daniel not as a distant ancient figure but as a contemporary model: a young person in an alien, totalizing culture who maintained every dimension of a biblical worldview for seventy-plus years. That is the invitation of this series.

Materials Needed

- Bibles (one per participant minimum)
- FRAME devotional documents — all eight (printed or digital)
- Pens/pencils and notebooks or journals
- FRAME at a Glance reference card (printable from the Introduction document)
- Optional: whiteboard or large notepad for visual mapping of the FRAME architecture
- Optional: printed copies of the Strategic Question for each session (for participants to take home)
- Optional: worldview comparison chart from the Worldview Comparison document

Session 1: Seeing Through the FRAME

The WHY — Why Your Worldview Matters • Devotional 1 • Anchor: Romans 12:2

Session at a Glance

Dimension	Introduction — The WHY for a Worldview
FRAME Connection	Overview of all five dimensions; establishing the need for a coherent biblical lens
Core Thesis	Everyone has a worldview; the question is whether yours is built on God's revealed truth or assembled unconsciously from cultural assumptions. A biblical worldview is not a religious accessory — it is the architectural foundation for every decision, relationship, and engagement with the world.
Key Scriptures	Romans 12:2; Colossians 2:8; Proverbs 14:12; John 14:6; 2 Corinthians 10:5
Suggested Time	60–75 minutes

Leader Preparation

Study the Text

This is the foundation session. Every subsequent session assumes participants understand WHY a biblical worldview matters and WHAT the FRAME architecture provides. Give this session full preparation energy.

Read Romans 12:2 multiple times in multiple translations. Notice that transformation happens by the renewing of the MIND — worldview formation is not merely emotional but cognitive. The 'pattern of this world' (Greek: schema, 'mold') is the cultural operating system everyone unconsciously absorbs. The biblical worldview is the alternative operating system installed by God's Word.

Study Colossians 2:8 as the warning that corresponds to Romans 12:2's invitation. Paul names the danger: 'hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.' This is not an academic warning — it is a description of what happens to believers who lack a coherent biblical framework.

Be ready to articulate the FRAME acronym confidently and explain why the five dimensions are sequential, not random. The architecture matters: you cannot build the Relational on a shaky Foundational; you cannot develop the Managerial without the Aspirational.

Theological Guardrails

- A worldview is not optional — it is universal. Every person operates from some framework. The question is whether theirs is coherent, examined, and grounded in truth.
- A 'biblical worldview' is not the same as 'Christian opinions about political issues.' Guard against that reduction from the start.
- FRAME is an architecture, not a checklist. It describes a way of seeing, not a list of positions to hold.

Pray Before You Lead

Lord, before I lead others into a biblical worldview, examine mine. Where do I still see through cultural lenses rather than Scripture? Where are my convictions inherited assumptions rather than examined truth? Give me the clarity I am about to call others into. Amen.

Movement 1: Opening Prayer & Scripture (5 min.)

Open with prayer. Acknowledge that this series is not primarily about information but about formation — becoming people who see all of life through God's lens rather than the culture's.

If this is the group's first session together, take 2–3 minutes for brief introductions: name, one word that describes how they currently think about 'worldview,' and one thing they hope to gain from this series.

Explain ground rules: confidentiality, mutual respect, Scripture as final authority, no one is forced to share, honest questions are welcome.

Read the anchor verse aloud together: Romans 12:2 — 'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.'

Movement 2: Teach — What the Text Reveals (15–20 min.)

Begin with a simple question: 'What do you think a worldview is?' Let 2–3 people respond without correcting. Then introduce the precise definition: a worldview is the integrated set of assumptions, beliefs, and values through which a person interprets all of reality and makes every decision. Everyone has one. The FRAME helps us see whether ours is actually biblical.

Introduce the FRAME acronym: Foundational (What is ultimately real?), Relational (Who am I?), Aspirational (Why am I here?), Managerial (How do I engage the world?), Eternal (Where am I going?). Show how these five questions cover the full range of human life — nothing is left outside the FRAME.

Walk through the flow: the framework reasons top-down. Get the Foundational wrong, and everything downstream is distorted. If God is not ultimate, then identity is self-constructed (Relational collapses). If identity is self-constructed, purpose becomes self-defined (Aspirational collapses). And so on. This is not academic; it describes what is happening in Western culture right now.

Introduce Daniel as the series' gold standard: a young person taken captive into the most powerful, culturally seductive empire on earth — who maintained every dimension of a biblical worldview for seventy-plus years. His life proves the FRAME is not theoretical. It is livable.

LEADER TIP: *Ask the group: 'If someone studied your life for a month — your decisions, your language, your priorities, your responses to conflict — what worldview would they conclude you hold?' Let the question do its work before you offer commentary.*

THEOLOGICAL NOTE: The most dangerous worldview is an unconscious one. The person who has never examined their assumptions is not free — they are simply unaware of the framework controlling them. Romans 12:2 does not call us to a new set of rules; it calls us to a transformed mind — a fundamentally different operating system.

Movement 3: Discuss — Core Thesis & FRAME Connection (20–25 min.)

CORE THESIS

Everyone already has a worldview. This series does not install one from scratch; it examines what is already there and rebuilds from a biblical foundation. This is not threatening — it is liberating.

Discussion Questions

- **What assumptions do you hold about reality, identity, and purpose that you have never consciously examined?**

Look for: Honesty about inherited beliefs — from family, education, media, peer culture. The goal is awareness, not shame.

- **Why does it matter whether a worldview is coherent? Can people not just live by intuition?**

Look for: Intuition is itself a worldview in disguise. Incoherent worldviews lead to incoherent lives — especially under pressure.

- **How does the culture around you systematically offer an alternative set of answers to the five FRAME questions?**

Look for: Specific examples — social media identity formation (Relational), therapeutic self-actualization as purpose (Aspirational), material success as the measure of faithful stewardship (Managerial).

- **Where does your life currently reflect a biblical worldview? Where does it reflect the surrounding culture more than Scripture?**

Look for: Honest self-assessment. This is the most important question of Session 1. If participants answer it honestly, the series is already working.

Movement 4: Apply — Strategic Question (10–15 min.)

STRATEGIC QUESTION

Where in my life am I operating from an unconscious cultural worldview rather than a consciously biblical one? What would I need to change if my worldview were truly FRAME-shaped?

Application Guidance

Give participants 3–4 minutes of silent reflection on the strategic question. Provide paper.

Invite 2–3 people to share one area where they recognize that their worldview has been more culturally than scripturally shaped.

Challenge the group: this week, ask the five FRAME questions about one significant decision, relationship, or cultural message you encounter. Write down what you discover.

Hand out the FRAME at a Glance reference card if available. Ask participants to keep it accessible throughout the series.

LEADER TIP: *Give participants the FRAME reference card now and let them begin familiarizing themselves with it. This visual tool will anchor every subsequent session.*

Movement 5: Close — Prayer & Commission (5–10 min.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, open our eyes to the FRAME we are actually using to see life — and the FRAME You are calling us into. Where the culture has shaped our minds without our knowledge, renew them now by Your Word. Transform us, not just inform us. Amen.

Commission:

This week, ask all five FRAME questions about one real situation in your life. Come back ready to share what you discovered.

Bridge to Next Session

Session 2 opens the full FRAME architecture — moving from WHY to WHAT. Participants will see how the five dimensions relate, how Summit Ministries' thirteen categories fit into them, and how Daniel illustrates the full structure. Ask participants to read Devotional 2 and Colossians 1:15–20 before the next session.

Session 2: The Architecture of Everything

The WHAT — Five Dimensions of FRAME • Devotional 2 • Anchor: Colossians 1:16

Session at a Glance

Dimension	Overview — Five Dimensions, Thirteen Categories, One Architecture
FRAME Connection	Colossians 1:16 grounds the entire structure: all things exist through and for Christ. The FRAME is the map; Christ is the territory.
Core Thesis	A biblical worldview is not a collection of isolated religious opinions — it is an integrated architecture where each dimension depends on and reinforces the others. Remove any dimension, and the structure weakens. Colossians 1:16–17 is the theological claim behind the entire FRAME: all things — every category of human thought and life — are created through Christ and held together by Him.
Key Scriptures	Colossians 1:15–20; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 10:5; John 1:1–3; Daniel 2:20–21
Suggested Time	60–75 minutes

Leader Preparation

Study the Text

This session maps the full FRAME architecture before the series dives into individual dimensions. Your goal is to help participants see the whole before they examine the parts. Use the FRAME at a Glance table extensively.

Study Colossians 1:15–20 as the theological foundation: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, and in Him all things hold together. This is not a devotional sentiment — it is a cosmological claim. Everything the FRAME covers is held together by Christ. This is why a biblical worldview is not compartmentalized; Christ does not compartmentalize reality.

Prepare to explain the six competing worldviews identified by Summit Ministries (Secularism, Marxism, Postmodernism, New Spirituality, Islam, Hinduism) at a basic level. You do not need deep expertise — but participants need to know that everyone answers the five FRAME questions somehow, and that the answers matter.

Theological Guardrails

- The architecture is sequential: Foundational → Relational → Aspirational → Managerial → Eternal. This is not arbitrary. Each dimension builds on the previous.

- • The FRAME is not exhaustive — it is architectural. It provides the framework within which all other Christian thinking takes place, not a complete answer to every question.
- • The competing worldviews are not strawmen — they are coherent systems held by billions of people. Engage them with respect and precision, not dismissal.

Pray Before You Lead

Father, before I teach others the architecture of a biblical worldview, let me inhabit it. Where do I still compartmentalize You — keeping You in the 'spiritual' category while other dimensions operate on different assumptions? Integrate me before You use me to integrate others. Amen.

Movement 1: Opening Prayer & Scripture (5 min.)

Check in: 'How did your week of asking the five FRAME questions go? What did you discover?' Allow 3–4 minutes of sharing.

Transition: 'Last week we established WHY a worldview matters. Today we open the blueprint — the full architecture of the FRAME, all five dimensions, and how they connect.'

Read the anchor verse aloud together: Colossians 1:16 — 'For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.'

Movement 2: Teach — What the Text Reveals (15–20 min.)

Open the FRAME at a Glance table. Walk through all five dimensions: Foundational (God, Truth, Reality), Relational (Humanity, Gender, Family), Aspirational (Purpose, Morality, Ethics), Managerial (Science, Politics, Economics), Eternal (Afterlife). For each, read the guiding question aloud.

Demonstrate the sequential logic: 'If God is not ultimate (Foundational), then human identity has no external anchor (Relational). If identity is self-constructed, purpose becomes self-defined (Aspirational). If purpose is self-defined, stewardship becomes self-serving (Managerial). And if this life is all there is, nothing carries ultimate weight (Eternal).' The FRAME is not five separate categories — it is one architecture.

Introduce the six competing worldviews briefly. Name them, then show how each answers the five questions differently. Secularism denies God, reconstructs identity as evolved animal, removes transcendent purpose, embraces materialism, denies afterlife. Marxism replaces God with historical determinism, reduces humans to economic class, makes revolution the purpose, abolishes private property, denies eternity. Postmodernism rejects objective truth, treats identity as fluid and constructed, relativizes purpose, and renders eternal questions meaningless.

Then show what happens when Christ is the center: all thirteen Summit categories become coherent. Science and faith align because the same God who reveals Himself in Scripture created the orderly universe science investigates. Politics is bounded because human fallibility is taken seriously. Economics becomes stewardship because ownership ultimately belongs to God. This is the power of a unified architecture.

LEADER TIP: Ask: *'If you had to identify the FRAME dimension where your worldview is weakest — where culture has shaped you more than Scripture — which one would it be?' Let 2–3 people respond. Then say: 'That is the dimension we will pay closest attention to as the series proceeds.'*

THEOLOGICAL NOTE: Colossians 1:17 says that in Christ 'all things hold together.' This is not merely poetic — it is the claim that without Christ as the integrating center, reality itself fragments. A biblical worldview is not a religious preference added on top of a secular life; it is the only framework in which reality coheres.

Movement 3: Discuss — Core Thesis & FRAME Connection (20–25 min.)

CORE THESIS

A biblical worldview is not a collection of isolated religious opinions — it is an integrated architecture where each dimension depends on and reinforces the others. Remove any dimension, and the structure weakens. Colossians 1:16–17 is the theological claim behind the entire FRAME: all things — every category of human thought and life — are created through Christ and held together by Him.

Discussion Questions

- **Which of the five FRAME dimensions feels most natural and secure for you? Which feels most under-developed or contested in your own life?**

Look for: Honest self-assessment. Most people are strong in one or two dimensions and weak in others. This is normal — and this series exists to develop the weaker ones.

- **How does the sequential logic of the FRAME — each dimension grounding the next — change how you think about cultural confusion? For example, how does a collapsed Foundational (no God) produce a collapsed Relational (no stable identity)?**

Look for: Understanding that the cultural crisis of identity, purpose, and morality is downstream of the Foundational collapse — not a series of separate problems but one connected fracture.

- **Which of the competing worldviews do you encounter most frequently in your workplace, neighborhood, or media consumption? How does it answer the five FRAME questions?**

Look for: Specific engagement — not stereotypes. Secularism in a university, Postmodernism in media, Marxist frameworks in social justice language. The goal is recognition, not demonization.

- **Colossians 1:17 says all things hold together in Christ. What does it look like practically when someone lives from an integrated center — Christ holding everything together — versus compartmentalizing faith?**

Look for: Daniel as the example. He excelled in Babylonian learning (Managerial) without being absorbed by Babylonian theology (Foundational). His integration made him effective and incorruptible simultaneously.

Movement 4: Apply — Strategic Question (10–15 min.)

STRATEGIC QUESTION

Which dimension of the FRAME is most under-developed in my daily life? What would it look like to live that dimension as intentionally as Daniel lived his — with full integration, no compartmentalization?

Application Guidance

Give participants 3–4 minutes of silent reflection on the strategic question.

Invite sharing: 'Which FRAME dimension are you most motivated to develop through this series? Why?'

Challenge the group: this week, watch for one moment where the FRAME helps you see a situation — a news story, a conversation, a decision — more clearly than you would have without it. Come back ready to share.

🔪 **LEADER TIP:** *If participants seem overwhelmed by the full architecture, reassure them: they do not need to master it today. The series will take them through each dimension carefully. Today is the map — the journey begins next session.*

Movement 5: Close — Prayer & Commission (5–10 min.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, hold all things together in us. Where we have compartmentalized You — keeping faith in one box and the rest of life in others — break down those walls. Make us whole: people whose Foundational convictions about You shape everything Relational, Aspirational, Managerial, and Eternal. Amen.

Commission:

This week, practice using the FRAME as a lens on one real situation. Come back next week ready to say: 'I saw through the FRAME this week, and here is what I found.'

Bridge to Next Session

Session 3 opens the Foundational dimension — the most foundational questions any person answers: Who or what is ultimate? How do we know what is true? What exists? Everything else in the FRAME flows from what is established here. Ask participants to read Devotional 3 and Genesis 1:1–3 and Daniel 2:20–23.

Session 3: The Foundation Holds

F — FOUNDATIONAL: God, Truth, Reality • Devotional 3 • Anchor: Genesis 1:1

Session at a Glance

Dimension	F — FOUNDATIONAL: God, Truth, Reality
Guiding Question	What is ultimately real and true?
Core Thesis	A biblical worldview stands or falls at the Foundational dimension. If God is not ultimate, truth is not objective, and reality is not dual-dimensional, everything downstream collapses. Daniel's unwavering Foundational conviction — maintained across seven decades in Babylon — is the model: a foundation deep enough that circumstances cannot reach it.
Key Scriptures	Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16–17; Daniel 4:17; John 14:6; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Ephesians 6:12
Suggested Time	60–75 minutes

Leader Preparation

Study the Text

This session carries the greatest theological weight in the series. The three Foundational sub-categories — God, Truth, and Reality — are the non-negotiables on which every other dimension depends. Invest your deepest preparation here.

Study Genesis 1:1 carefully. Three words: 'In the beginning God.' Before anything else existed, God was. This is not a religious sentiment; it is the most foundational truth claim in human history — and it stands in direct opposition to the materialist claim that matter is all that exists.

Study Daniel 2:20–23. Daniel's doxology after receiving the dream interpretation is a pure Foundational confession: God is sovereign over wisdom, power, times, and kings. This is not theological opinion; it is Daniel's operating assumption across all of life.

Prepare to distinguish the three sub-categories clearly: God (the question of ultimate reality), Truth (the question of epistemology — how we know), and Reality (the question of ontology — what exists). Each has its own competing worldview distortions to navigate.

Theological Guardrails

- • Personal, Triune God — not deism (absentee clockmaker), not pantheism (God = everything), not polytheism (many gods). Biblical Theism is specific: God is personal, relational, and involved.
- • Objective truth — not postmodern (truth is constructed), not relativist (truth is personal), not empiricist-only (truth is only what science verifies). Biblical truth is discovered, not invented.
- • Dual-dimensional reality — guard against two opposite errors: materialism (only physical reality exists) and escapism (physical reality is unimportant). Both dimensions are real; faithful engagement requires both.

Pray Before You Lead

Father, before I teach about Your ultimate reality, let me stand in it. Strip away every remnant of practical atheism in my life — the parts where I live as though You are not sovereign, truth is not fixed, and the spiritual realm is not real. Ground me before You use me to ground others. Amen.

Movement 1: Opening Prayer & Scripture (5 min.)

Check in: 'How did your week of watching through the FRAME lens go? Where did the architecture help you see more clearly?'

Transition: 'Today we go to the foundation. The Foundational dimension asks three questions: Who or what is ultimate? How do we know what is real? What exists? Get these wrong, and everything downstream is built on sand.'

Read the anchor verse aloud together: Genesis 1:1 — 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' Then read Daniel 4:17 — 'The Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth.'

Movement 2: Teach — What the Text Reveals (15–20 min.)

Begin with the most fundamental claim: 'In the beginning, God.' Before anything else — time, space, matter, energy — God was. This is the claim that separates Biblical Theism from every other worldview. Secularism says matter is eternal or self-originating. Hinduism says ultimate reality is impersonal Brahman. Postmodernism says the question is unanswerable. Christianity says: personal, triune, Creator God.

Walk through the Truth sub-category. Truth is objective because God is not silent — He has spoken through Scripture, creation, and conscience. Contrast with Postmodernism (truth is socially constructed), Secularism (only empirically verifiable claims are true), and New Spirituality (truth is individually experienced). The New LIFE framework's hermeneutical principle applies here: Scripture sets its own norms; exceptions serve redemptive purposes, not the reverse.

Walk through the Reality sub-category. The material world is real and good — created by God, not an illusion (contra Hinduism). But material reality is not all that exists — angels, demons, the human soul, heaven, and hell are equally real (contra Secularism). Daniel 10 is the biblical evidence: the prince of Persia delayed the angel for twenty-one days — spiritual conflict behind physical events. This is not mythology; it is Daniel's experience.

The Foundational uniqueness of Christianity: only Biblical Theism provides an ultimate source of meaning (personal Creator), an anchor for objective truth (God's revelation), and an explanation for dual-dimensional reality. Every competing worldview must borrow from these categories while denying the foundation that makes them coherent.

🔪 LEADER TIP: Ask: 'If you had to identify the most significant pressure the culture puts on your Foundational convictions — the area where the surrounding worldview most consistently pushes against your belief in God, objective truth, or spiritual reality — what would it be?' Let 2–3 people respond. Then: 'That pressure is what Daniel faced every day for seventy years. And his foundation held. This session explores how.'

+ THEOLOGICAL NOTE: Daniel 6:10 records that even under a death decree, Daniel 'continued as he had always done.' His Foundational convictions did not require special circumstances to remain intact. They were deep enough that no circumstance could reach them. That is the model — and the goal — of the Foundational dimension.

Movement 3: Discuss — Core Thesis & FRAME Connection (20–25 min.)

CORE THESIS

A biblical worldview stands or falls at the Foundational dimension. If God is not ultimate, truth is not objective, and reality is not dual-dimensional, everything downstream collapses. Daniel's unwavering Foundational conviction — maintained across seven decades in Babylon — is the model: a foundation deep enough that circumstances cannot reach it.

Discussion Questions

- **Which of the three Foundational sub-categories — God, Truth, or Reality — is under the most consistent cultural pressure in your life?**

Look for: Specific identification — the workplace that treats faith as private opinion (Truth), the culture that treats spiritual reality as superstition (Reality), the philosophical environment that questions God's existence (God). Precision matters here.

- **Daniel consistently acknowledged the God of Israel as supreme — even in Babylon, even under Nebuchadnezzar. What would it look like for you to make that same acknowledgment in your specific cultural setting?**

Look for: Concrete, specific responses — not abstract agreement. The person who works in a secular institution, studies in a secular university, or lives in a skeptical household.

- **The devotional says that truth demands response — not just acknowledgment. Where are you acknowledging biblical truth intellectually without it yet producing the whole-person response Scripture expects?**

Look for: The gap between belief and behavior. This is the practical test of Foundational conviction.

- **How does spiritual reality — the existence of angels, demons, and active spiritual warfare — change how you interpret the conflicts and pressures you are currently experiencing?**

Look for: The shift from purely psychological or sociological explanations to dual-dimensional awareness. Not superstition — discernment.

Movement 4: Apply — Strategic Question (10–15 min.)

STRATEGIC QUESTION

Where is my Foundational conviction about God's sovereignty most shaken by circumstances? What would change if I genuinely believed that He deposes kings and raises up others — and that the kingdom and culture I live in are under His authority?

Application Guidance

Give 3–4 minutes of silent reflection. Ask participants to identify the one Foundational sub-category they most need to strengthen.

Invite sharing: 'Where did you identify a gap between your stated Foundational convictions and your daily operating assumptions?'

Challenge for the week: when you encounter a circumstance that shakes your Foundational convictions — a news story, a difficult conversation, an unexpected setback — respond with Daniel's doxology from Daniel 2:20–23. Read it. Pray it. Let it re-anchor your FRAME.

Optional: memorize Daniel 4:17 together before closing.

LEADER TIP: *Review the six competing worldviews' answers to the three Foundational questions before the next session, so you can help participants recognize them in their specific cultural environments.*

Movement 5: Close — Prayer & Commission (5–10 min.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, let our Foundational conviction hold. Let us know You as You are — personal, sovereign, triune, and intimately involved with the kingdoms and cultures we inhabit. Where the culture tells us truth is constructed, remind us Your Word is eternal. Where it denies the spiritual realm, give us eyes to see. Let our foundation be deep enough that no circumstance can reach it. Amen.

Commission:

This week, practice acknowledging God's sovereignty over every domain of your life — not just the 'spiritual' parts. Where you find yourself instinctively operating as though God is absent or uninvolved, pause and make a Foundational declaration.

Bridge to Next Session

Session 4 moves to the Relational dimension — identity, human nature, gender, and family. The Relational dimension answers: 'Who am I in relation to others?' The answer begins with Imago Dei — and it has profound implications for how we see every human being we encounter. Ask participants to read Devotional 4 and Genesis 1:26–28.

Session 4: Identity Received

R — RELATIONAL: Humanity, Gender, Family • Devotional 4 • Anchor: Genesis 1:27

Session at a Glance

Dimension	R — RELATIONAL: Humanity, Gender & Sexuality, Family
Guiding Question	Who am I in relation to others?
Core Thesis	Identity is not self-constructed — it is received from the Creator. The Relational dimension establishes that every human being bears the image of God (Imago Dei), that gender is binary by design, and that family is divinely ordained as the first community of formation. Daniel refused Babylon's systematic attempt to rename, re-educate, and reassimilate him — because his identity was anchored in God, not in culture.
Key Scriptures	Genesis 1:26–28; Psalm 139:13–14; Romans 3:23; Titus 3:5; Matthew 19:4–6; Deuteronomy 6:6–7
Suggested Time	60–75 minutes

Leader Preparation

Study the Text

The Relational dimension is the most personally immediate and culturally contested terrain of the entire FRAME. Questions of human identity, gender, and family sit at the center of the culture's most heated debates. Your preparation here must be both theologically precise and pastorally careful.

Read Genesis 1:26–28 in context. The Imago Dei is the most significant thing Scripture says about human beings — it is the foundation of human dignity, human rights, and the entire framework of moral accountability. Without it, humans are — as competing worldviews assert — highly evolved animals, economic units, or social constructs.

Study Daniel 1:1–8. Babylon's strategy was systematic: rename Daniel (Belteshazzar — replacing God's name with Bel's), re-educate him (three years of Babylonian language and literature), re-feed him (the king's food, reshaping dietary practice), and ultimately re-integrate him as a Babylonian official. Daniel's resistance was not rebellion — it was identity integrity.

Be prepared for emotional terrain in this session. Questions of gender and sexuality may surface personal stories. The Theological Guardrails section is essential reading before facilitating this discussion.

Theological Guardrails

- • Imago Dei means dignity AND moral accountability — not dignity alone. We are fallen image-bearers, not just image-bearers. Both truths must be held simultaneously.
- • On gender: the biblical position is not primarily about what is forbidden but about what is given — a design to receive and inhabit, not a restriction to resent. Lead from creation, not prohibition.
- • On family: the family is the first classroom of worldview formation (Deut. 6:6–7). This is not a political statement; it is a discipleship statement. The family is where faith is transmitted across generations.
- • Compassion and truth are not in tension — they are sequential. The Theological Guardrails here: do not allow the session to become either a political debate or an avoidance of biblical clarity.

Pray Before You Lead

Father, before I lead a session on identity, examine mine. Where is my sense of self still more shaped by what I do, what I achieve, or how others see me, than by what You say about me? Ground my identity in You before I call others to the same. Amen.

Movement 1: Opening Prayer & Scripture (5 min.)

Check in: 'How did your week of Foundational practice go? Did you encounter moments where your conviction about God's sovereignty was tested?'

Transition: 'The Foundational dimension established Who God is. Now the Relational dimension answers the next question: Who am I? And who are the people around me? The answer begins with Imago Dei — and it changes everything.'

Read the anchor verse aloud together: Genesis 1:27 — 'So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.'

Movement 2: Teach — What the Text Reveals (15–20 min.)

Open with the central claim: every human being bears the image of God. This is not a nice sentiment — it is the most subversive truth in human history. It means that no person can be reduced to their economic class (contra Marxism), their evolutionary function (contra Secularism), their caste (contra traditional Hinduism), or their cultural utility. Every person you encounter carries the Imago Dei — including people you find difficult, people who hold views you find abhorrent, and people who are suffering consequences of their own choices.

Develop the simultaneous truth: we are fallen image-bearers. The heart is deceitful above all things (Jeremiah 17:9). The need for a new heart — which only God can give — presupposes original design. God does not restore what has no value. The combination of radical fallenness and radical worth is unique to Biblical Theism and is the foundation of both evangelism (they are worth reaching) and repentance (they are truly fallen).

Walk through Daniel's identity integrity: Babylon gave him a new name, new food, new education, and new colleagues. Daniel's response was not withdrawal from Babylonian culture — he became its most skilled administrator. But his identity did not come from Babylon. He resolved not to defile himself (Daniel 1:8). His identity was received from God; Babylon could rename him but could not reshape him.

Introduce the Family sub-category as the primary context for identity formation. Deuteronomy 6:6–7 is not a parenting tip; it is a worldview transmission mandate. The family is where the next generation learns what is real, who they are, what they exist for, and what kind of engagement with the world is faithful. When the family abdicates this role, the culture fills it — and the culture's FRAME is not biblical.

🔪 LEADER TIP: Ask the group: 'Babylon tried to replace Daniel's name. What is your culture's most persistent strategy for replacing your identity with one it provides?' Let 2–3 people respond. Then: 'Daniel's answer was not louder resistance — it was deeper rootedness.'

+ THEOLOGICAL NOTE: Imago Dei is the historical engine of civilization's greatest moral advances — the abolition of slavery, universal education, the founding of hospitals and orphanages, the development of human rights law. Every one of these movements was driven by believers who took Genesis 1:26–28 seriously. The Relational dimension is not a retreat into religious opinion; it is the foundation of the most important social advances in history.

Movement 3: Discuss — Core Thesis & FRAME Connection (20–25 min.)

CORE THESIS

Identity is not self-constructed — it is received from the Creator. The Relational dimension establishes that every human being bears the image of God (Imago Dei), that gender is binary by design, and that family is divinely ordained as the first community of formation. Daniel refused Babylon's systematic attempt to rename, re-educate, and reassimilate him — because his identity was anchored in God, not in culture.

Discussion Questions

- **Where does the culture around you most aggressively offer an alternative identity to replace the one God gives?**

Look for: Social media persona construction, career-as-identity, political tribe as identity, therapeutic self-definition. Be specific to your group's context.

- **The devotional says 'we are fallen but not worthless; broken but redeemable.' How does holding both truths simultaneously change how you see yourself? How does it change how you see others?**

Look for: The pastoral balance — neither self-condemnation (ignoring dignity) nor cheap grace (ignoring fallenness). Both are required for honest discipleship.

- **Daniel maintained his Hebrew identity in Babylon without withdrawing from Babylonian culture. What does that balance look like in your specific setting — engaging the surrounding culture with excellence while maintaining biblical identity?**

Look for: Concrete applications — the workplace, the school, the neighborhood, the social media presence.

- **Deuteronomy 6:6–7 says to impress God's commandments on your children when sitting, walking, lying down, and getting up. What does worldview transmission in a family actually look like in daily life?**

Look for: Practical, specific answers — not abstract commitment. The family dinner conversation, the drive to school, the news event discussed, the bedtime question answered.

Movement 4: Apply — Strategic Question (10–15 min.)

STRATEGIC QUESTION

Where is my identity most shaped by what the culture says I am rather than what God says I am? What would it look like to receive my identity more fully from my Creator — and extend that same God-given dignity to the most difficult person in my life right now?

Application Guidance

Give 3–4 minutes of silent reflection.

Invite sharing: 'Where did you identify a gap between your God-given identity and the identity the culture is trying to assign you?'

Challenge for the week: identify one person you are currently finding difficult to see as an image-bearer. Pray for them by name every day this week, asking God to give you His perspective on their dignity and worth.

Optional prayer exercise: Pray Psalm 139:13–14 together, replacing 'me' with 'us' — acknowledging the Imago Dei in every member of the group.

LEADER TIP: *If the session generates emotional responses around gender or sexuality, do not attempt to resolve them in the group. Affirm the biblical position clearly, express pastoral care warmly, and offer to continue the conversation privately. The goal is truth with compassion, not debate.*

Movement 5: Close — Prayer & Commission (5–10 min.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, let us receive our identity from You. Where the culture has renamed us — through failure, achievement, diagnosis, or demographic — remind us that Your name for us is 'image-bearer' and 'redeemed.' Make us people who extend that same dignity to every human being we encounter, no matter how broken or how opposed to Your truth. Amen.

Commission:

This week, practice seeing every person you encounter — including difficult people — through the Imago Dei lens. Let that conviction change one interaction that would otherwise be dismissive or impatient.

Bridge to Next Session

Session 5 moves to the Aspirational dimension — the most existentially urgent questions: Why do I exist? What is right and wrong? How should I actually behave? The Aspirational dimension answers all three — and the answers challenge every assumption of self-actualization culture. Ask participants to read Devotional 5 and John 15:5–8.

Session 5: Made for More

A — ASPIRATIONAL: Purpose, Morality, Ethics • Devotional 5 • Anchor: John 15:8

Session at a Glance

Dimension	A — ASPIRATIONAL: Purpose, Morality, Ethics
Guiding Question	Why am I here and how should I live?
Core Thesis	The Aspirational dimension answers the three most practically consequential questions of the FRAME: Why do I exist? What is right and wrong? How should I actually live? Biblical Theism's answers — glorify God through Christ, absolute morality grounded in God's unchanging character, and ethics as faith made visible — stand against every form of self-actualization, moral relativism, and religious performance. Daniel's ethical consistency was so complete that his enemies had to manufacture a charge.
Key Scriptures	Matthew 22:37–38; Colossians 1:16; John 15:8; Malachi 3:6; Isaiah 5:20; Micah 6:8; James 2:17; Daniel 6:4
Suggested Time	60–75 minutes

Leader Preparation

Study the Text

The Aspirational dimension is where the FRAME becomes most personally demanding. Purpose, morality, and ethics are not abstract categories — they are the daily substance of lived faith. Prepare for honest, uncomfortable discussion.

Study Daniel 6:4 as your anchor case study: 'They could find no grounds for charges against Daniel, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.' His enemies, with strong motivation to find fault, found none. They had to manufacture a charge. This is not a standard to admire from a distance — it is the standard the FRAME holds up as normal for a life of biblical ethics.

Read the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9–13) through the Aspirational lens: it models purpose (Your kingdom come), moral alignment (Your will be done), and ethical practice (deliver us from evil). The prayer is not incantation; it is worldview formation.

Prepare to address the distinction between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:10). This distinction — repentance as agreement with God's moral standard rather than management of personal consequences — is one of the most practically significant concepts in the series.

Theological Guardrails

- Purpose is not individualistic — 'Why am I here?' is answered collectively: we exist to glorify God. Individual purpose is always found within this larger purpose.
- Morality is absolute but not arbitrary — it is grounded in God's unchanging character, not in a list of rules. When the character changes (it does not), the standard would change. Since it does not, the standard does not.
- Ethics is faith enacted — not a separate category from belief but the visible expression of it. James 2:17 is not a warning about works-righteousness; it is a description of what genuine faith looks like in practice.

Pray Before You Lead

Lord, examine my purpose, my morality, and my ethics. Where is my life primarily oriented toward my own comfort, advancement, or reputation rather than Your glory? Where do I hold moral convictions I know are true but have not yet enacted? Bring my whole self — purpose, conscience, and conduct — into alignment with You before I call others to the same. Amen.

Movement 1: Opening Prayer & Scripture (5 min.)

Check in: 'How did your week of practicing the Imago Dei lens go? Where did it change an interaction?'

Transition: 'The Foundational dimension established what is real. The Relational established who we are. Now the Aspirational dimension answers the most practically consequential questions: Why do I exist? What is right and wrong? How should I live? These are not abstract — they are the daily substance of every decision.'

Read the anchor verse aloud together: John 15:8 — 'This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.'

Movement 2: Teach — What the Text Reveals (15–20 min.)

Open with the Purpose sub-category: we exist to glorify God and know Him through Christ. This stands directly against every form of self-actualization (the therapeutic model), material accumulation (the economic model), social impact (the activist model), and cultural relevance (the institutional model). None of these are wrong as secondary purposes; all of them collapse when they become primary. Purpose that is self-referential ultimately hollows out.

Walk through Daniel's purpose: his goal was not survival in Babylon, not professional advancement in the empire, not cultural accommodation. His purpose was to honor God and be a faithful witness to pagan kings of the one true God (Daniel 2:47, 4:34–37, 6:25–27). This purpose did not change when the king changed, when the empire changed, or when a death decree was posted. Purpose grounded in God is immune to circumstance.

Develop the Morality sub-category: absolute morality, grounded in God's unchanging character, not in human consensus or cultural evolution. Malachi 3:6 — 'I the Lord do not change' — is not a devotional sentiment; it is the philosophical foundation of moral objectivity. When competing worldviews ground morality in evolution (Secularism), class struggle (Marxism), or cultural consensus (Postmodernism), the result is not moral freedom but moral chaos. Introduce the concept of moral blindspots: areas where we tolerate what God does not, often without awareness.

Close with Ethics: faith made visible in conduct. The NEW LIFE framework's insight applies here — biblical faith is trusting allegiance, not private inner conviction. This is why Daniel's conduct was his most powerful witness. Micah 6:8 is the summary: 'Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.' Not three separate instructions but one integrated ethical posture.

LEADER TIP: Read Daniel 6:4 aloud — *'They could find no grounds for charges against Daniel, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.'* Then ask: *'If your colleagues, neighbors, or family members were motivated to find fault with your ethical conduct — motivated the way Daniel's enemies were — what would they find?'* Let the question sit. This is not accusation; it is invitation.

THEOLOGICAL NOTE: The gap between moral conviction and ethical conduct is the most common form of spiritual compartmentalization. Believers who hold correct theological views about morality but whose daily conduct contradicts those views are not living the Aspirational dimension — they are intellectualizing it. James 2:17 is the diagnostic: faith that does not produce action is not faith at all. It is information.

Movement 3: Discuss — Core Thesis & FRAME Connection (20–25 min.)

CORE THESIS

The Aspirational dimension answers the three most practically consequential questions of the FRAME: Why do I exist? What is right and wrong? How should I actually live? Biblical Theism's answers — glorify God through Christ, absolute morality grounded in God's unchanging character, and ethics as faith made visible — stand against every form of self-actualization, moral relativism, and religious performance. Daniel's ethical consistency was so complete that his enemies had to manufacture a charge.

Discussion Questions

- **The devotional says 'purpose does not require favorable circumstances — it requires faithfulness.' Daniel maintained his God-centered purpose in a lions' den. Where in your life is faithfulness to your stated purpose most difficult? What is the circumstance that most threatens it?**

Look for: Specific, honest answers — not abstract affirmations. The career pressure that tempts compromise, the relationship that demands accommodation, the cultural environment that penalizes conviction.

- **What is a moral blindspot you have recently become aware of — an area where you were tolerating what God does not, without realizing it?**

Look for: Courage and specificity. This question is the most personally demanding in the session. Give silence time to work before moving on.

- **The distinction between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:10) is the difference between repentance that produces change and remorse that manages consequences. Can you identify a time when you experienced one vs. the other? What was different?**

Look for: The relational dimension of repentance — godly sorrow grieves the damage to the relationship with God, not just the personal consequences.

- **If someone studied your ethical conduct — your workplace behavior, your financial decisions, your private communications — what conclusion would they reach about your actual purpose?**

Look for: The integration test. This is the Aspirational dimension's diagnostic: does your conduct match your stated convictions?

Movement 4: Apply — Strategic Question (10–15 min.)

STRATEGIC QUESTION

If I am honest, what is the primary purpose my life reveals through my daily decisions — not the purpose I would state, but the purpose my actual priorities demonstrate? Where is the gap between stated and demonstrated purpose largest?

Application Guidance

Give 4–5 minutes of silent reflection. This is the session that most needs unhurried honesty.

Invite sharing: 'Where did you identify a gap between your stated purpose and your demonstrated purpose?'

Challenge for the week: identify one area of conduct that does not match your stated convictions. Bring it to God in prayer using 2 Corinthians 7:10 as a guide — not as self-condemnation but as honest agreement with His moral standard.

Optional: pray Micah 6:8 together as a confession and commitment: 'Lord, make us people who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.'

🔪 **LEADER TIP:** *Do not allow the moral blindspot question to produce shame-spiraling. The goal is agreement with God's standard — which leads to change — not self-condemnation, which paralyzes. End the application section on the promise: God works in those who yield (Philippians 2:13).*

Movement 5: Close — Prayer & Commission (5–10 min.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, align our purpose with Yours — not comfort, not recognition, not relevance, but Your glory. Where our morality has drifted from Your unchanging character, call us back. Where our ethics have fallen short of our convictions, produce in us the trusting allegiance that makes faith visible. Make us people of whom others say: they could find no fault. Amen.

Commission:

This week, choose one area of ethical conduct to bring into intentional alignment with your stated convictions. Practice the integration that the Aspirational dimension demands — not just believing rightly but acting accordingly.

Bridge to Next Session

Session 6 moves to the Managerial dimension — how we engage and steward science, politics, and economics. This dimension is where the FRAME meets the world's public square. Ask participants to read Devotional 6 and Daniel 1:17–20.

Session 6: Faithful in Babylon

M — MANAGERIAL: Science, Politics, Economics • Devotional 6 • Anchor: Colossians 3:23

Session at a Glance

Dimension	M — MANAGERIAL: Science, Politics, Economics
Guiding Question	How do I engage and steward the world?
Core Thesis	The Managerial dimension addresses the most externally visible expressions of a biblical worldview: how we engage science, governance, and economics. Biblical Theism provides a unique framework for all three — science and faith are compatible because the same God who speaks in Scripture created the orderly universe science investigates; government is legitimate but limited because human nature is fallen; and all economic activity is stewardship under God's ultimate ownership.
Key Scriptures	Daniel 1:17–20; Colossians 3:23; Romans 13:1; Acts 5:29; Psalm 24:1; Matthew 25:14–30; Proverbs 29:2
Suggested Time	60–75 minutes

Leader Preparation

Study the Text

The Managerial dimension is where the FRAME is most often misapplied — either by withdrawing from cultural engagement (monasticism) or by over-investing in political and cultural strategies as though they were the primary means of kingdom advance (Christianism). Daniel's example is the corrective: he was ten times more capable than the empire's own experts (Daniel 1:20), held the empire's highest administrative position (Daniel 2:48), and never once compromised his allegiance to God.

Study Daniel 1:17–20. 'Ten times better' is the Managerial standard. Daniel did not enter Babylonian service halfheartedly, cynically, or with a fortress mentality. He excelled. His excellence was his witness — and his excellence was possible precisely because his Foundational, Relational, and Aspirational convictions were intact.

Prepare the historical case for Christianity's role in enabling modern science and Western civilization's legal, charitable, and educational institutions. This is not triumphalism — it is accurate historical record that participants may have never encountered.

Prepare to navigate the politics sub-category carefully. The biblical position is not partisan — it is principled. Romans 13:1 (government is ordained by God) and Acts 5:29 (we must obey God rather than humans) stand in permanent creative tension. Government is legitimate, limited, and fallible. Building Christ's Kingdom is always a higher priority than saving any political project.

Theological Guardrails

- Engagement without absorption — Daniel excelled in Babylonian learning without becoming Babylonian in his ultimate allegiances. This is the Managerial standard: neither cultural withdrawal nor cultural capitulation.
- On science: the goal is not conflict but integration. A rational Creator made an orderly universe that invites investigation. Christian scientists are not apologists working against science — they are scientists working from a more coherent foundation.
- On politics: avoid partisan alignment. The biblical position critiques all political ideologies that place ultimate trust in human power or collective action. Limited government is not a party platform; it is a theological conviction about human fallibility.
- On economics: the Protestant work ethic and systematic charity (hospitals, orphanages, care for the poor as institutions) are the Managerial dimension's most visible historical contributions. These are not accidental; they are logical outcomes of a biblical worldview.

Pray Before You Lead

Lord, examine my engagement with the world's systems. Where have I withdrawn when I should be present? Where have I been absorbed when I should have maintained distinctiveness? Give me Daniel's combination: ten times more capable, zero percent compromised. Amen.

Movement 1: Opening Prayer & Scripture (5 min.)

Check in: 'How did your week of ethical integration go? Where did you find your conduct most aligned with your convictions — and where did you find the largest gap?'

Transition: 'The FRAME has established the foundation, identity, and purpose. Now it asks: How do we engage the world? Science, governance, economics — these are not secular domains outside the FRAME. They are the arenas where the Managerial dimension is lived out.'

Read the anchor verse aloud together: Colossians 3:23 — 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.'

Movement 2: Teach — What the Text Reveals (15–20 min.)

Open with Daniel 1:20: 'In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom.' This is the Managerial standard — not minimal participation but exceptional excellence, produced by a coherent Foundational framework. Daniel excelled in Babylonian science, literature, and wisdom without being absorbed by Babylonian theology.

Walk through the Science sub-category. The Christian worldview uniquely enabled modern science: a rational Creator made an orderly, knowable universe that invites investigation without becoming an object of worship. The university system was founded by the Church. The pioneers of modern science — Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, Faraday, Pasteur, Mendel — operated within explicitly Christian frameworks. Science and faith are not opponents; they share the same Creator as their source.

Walk through the Politics sub-category. Government is ordained by God (Romans 13:1) but not absolute — 'We must obey God rather than human beings' (Acts 5:29). Limited government is not a preference but a theological conviction: power concentrated in fallen human hands inevitably corrupts. The Christian contribution to Western political thought includes the revolutionary concept that even kings are under God's law, canon law's influence on Western legal systems, and the abolition movements led by believers who refused to accept injustice as structurally inevitable.

Walk through the Economics sub-category. The Genesis dominion mandate (1:28) is the theological foundation: we are stewards of God's resources, not autonomous owners. Christianity invented systematic charity — hospitals, orphanages, and care for the poor as institutions, not just personal acts of kindness. The Protestant work ethic elevated all honest labor as vocation — a calling from God. Faithful economic engagement means refusing bribes, demonstrating trustworthiness, and managing resources with an integrity that withstands scrutiny.

LEADER TIP: Ask: 'Daniel served faithfully under Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, and Cyrus — four kings with four very different styles of governance. What held constant across all four contexts?' Let the group identify: his Foundational convictions, not the circumstances. Then: 'What does that tell us about the relationship between the Foundational and Managerial dimensions?'

+ THEOLOGICAL NOTE: The history of Western civilization's most important moral, educational, and charitable institutions is inseparable from Christianity's Managerial engagement. Human rights, rule of law, the abolition of slavery, the founding of universities, the development of hospitals — these are not coincidental. They are what happens when the Imago Dei (Relational) and the dominion mandate (Managerial) are taken seriously by people whose Foundational convictions are intact.

Movement 3: Discuss — Core Thesis & FRAME Connection (20–25 min.)

CORE THESIS

The Managerial dimension addresses the most externally visible expressions of a biblical worldview: how we engage science, governance, and economics. Biblical Theism provides a unique framework for all three — science and faith are compatible because the same God who speaks in Scripture created the orderly universe science investigates; government is legitimate but limited because human nature is fallen; and all economic activity is stewardship under God's ultimate ownership.

Discussion Questions

- **Where in your professional or civic life do you find the tension between engagement and absorption most acute — where are you most tempted to either withdraw or compromise?**

Look for: Specific professional or civic contexts — the workplace that normalizes ethical compromise, the political conversation that demands tribal loyalty, the economic system that rewards behavior incompatible with biblical stewardship.

- **Daniel was 'ten times better' than the empire's own experts — without being absorbed by the empire's values. What would it mean for your work to reflect that standard: exceptional competence rooted in a deeper foundation?**

Look for: The integration of vocational excellence and biblical integrity. The Managerial dimension is not about being a less effective professional for the sake of distinction — it is about being more effective because of a more coherent foundation.

- **Where do you find yourself either over-trusting or under-engaging political systems? How does the biblical conviction that government is both ordained and limited help calibrate that?**

Look for: The balance between civic responsibility (Romans 13:1) and prophetic independence (Acts 5:29). Neither withdrawal nor messianic investment in political systems.

- **The devotional says 'we are managers, not owners' of the resources God entrusts. What would change in your financial decisions if that conviction were fully operational — not just stated but practiced?**

Look for: Specific, honest answers about spending, saving, generosity, and financial integrity. The Managerial dimension's economic application is often the most practically convicting.

Movement 4: Apply — Strategic Question (10–15 min.)

STRATEGIC QUESTION

In my primary sphere of activity — my career, my civic engagement, my economic decisions — am I operating as Daniel did: exceptional in competence, irreproachable in integrity, and clear about ultimate allegiance? Or am I either withdrawn from the arena or absorbed into its values?

Application Guidance

Give 3–4 minutes of silent reflection.

Invite sharing: 'Where did you identify the most significant gap between your Managerial engagement and the biblical standard?'

Challenge for the week: identify one concrete change in your professional, civic, or economic conduct that would bring it into closer alignment with Colossians 3:23 — 'working for the Lord, not for human masters.'

Optional: discuss as a group what 'ten times better' excellence looks like in each person's specific vocational context.

LEADER TIP: *If the political sub-category generates partisan debate, redirect to the text immediately: 'We are not asking which party is right. We are asking what Scripture says about the purpose and limits of government — and how we engage it faithfully from that foundation.'*

Movement 5: Close — Prayer & Commission (5–10 min.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, make us faithful in Babylon. Give us Daniel's combination: excellence that makes us indispensable and integrity that makes us unimpeachable. Where we have withdrawn from the world's arenas, call us back in. Where we have been absorbed by the world's values, call us out. Let our stewardship of science, governance, and economics reflect Your character and advance Your kingdom. Amen.

Commission:

This week, practice working in your primary sphere of activity as working for the Lord — not for approval, not for advancement, not for survival. Let Colossians 3:23 be the motivational framework for every professional interaction.

Bridge to Next Session

Session 7 moves to the final individual dimension — the Eternal. Everything in the FRAME has been building toward this question: Where am I going? The answer changes the weight of every previous dimension. Ask participants to read Devotional 7 and Daniel 12:1–4 and 12:13.

Session 7: The Horizon That Changes Everything

E — ETERNAL: Afterlife and Ultimate Destiny • Devotional 7 • Anchor: Daniel 12:2

Session at a Glance

Dimension	E — ETERNAL: Afterlife, Ultimate Destiny
Guiding Question	Where am I going?
Core Thesis	The Eternal dimension is the controlling horizon that gives weight to every other dimension of the FRAME. If God is real (Foundational), if we bear His image (Relational), if we exist to glorify Him (Aspirational), and if we are called to steward His world (Managerial) — then the question of where we are going is not peripheral theology. It is the ultimate stake that determines how seriously every other dimension is to be taken.
Key Scriptures	Daniel 12:2–3; Daniel 12:13; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Colossians 1:13–14; Ephesians 1:13–14; Revelation 21:4
Suggested Time	60–75 minutes

Leader Preparation

Study the Text

The Eternal dimension is the most personally intimate and the most cosmically significant terrain of the FRAME. It surfaces existential questions about mortality, judgment, and ultimate security that most people — including long-time believers — rarely examine directly.

Study Daniel 12:2–3 and 12:13 carefully. Daniel receives the clearest Old Testament statement about bodily resurrection and specific personal destiny. More remarkably, verse 13 is a personal promise to Daniel himself: 'you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.' Daniel's entire life — seventy-plus years of faithful engagement in a hostile empire — was lived in the light of this promise. That is the Eternal dimension in practice.

Prepare to distinguish the biblical understanding of afterlife from the competing worldview alternatives: Secularism (death is the end), Hinduism (reincarnation toward impersonal absorption), Islam (paradise earned by works with no assurance), Postmodernism (the question is irrelevant or unanswerable). Each alternative removes urgency, assurance, or both.

Be pastorally sensitive: this session may surface fear of death, grief over lost loved ones, or honest uncertainty about eternal security. The theological guardrails here require careful navigation.

Theological Guardrails

- • Heaven and Hell are real and personal, not symbolic or metaphorical. Biblical Theism is specific: resurrection of the body, personal judgment (2 Corinthians 5:10), eternal relationship with God or eternal separation from Him.
- • Eternal security is grounded in God's action, not human performance: the Holy Spirit is the seal and deposit guaranteeing our inheritance (Ephesians 1:13–14). Assurance is not arrogance — it is trust in God's promise.
- • Urgency without manipulation: the invitation is open, and the opportunity closes. But the call to respond is made from love, not fear-mongering. The entire biblical framework motivates gospel urgency; avoid exploiting it.

Pray Before You Lead

Father, do I actually live as though eternity is real? Does the horizon of judgment and unending existence actually change how I spend today? Strip away the practical atheism that treats this life as though it were all there is. Make the Eternal as real in my daily decisions as it was in Daniel's. Amen.

Movement 1: Opening Prayer & Scripture (5 min.)

Check in: 'How did your week of Managerial practice go? Did Colossians 3:23 change how you engaged your primary sphere of activity?'

Transition: 'We have built the FRAME from foundation to engagement. Today we reach the controlling horizon: the Eternal dimension. This question — Where am I going? — does not just complete the FRAME. It gives weight to every other dimension. If eternity is real, everything we have discussed in the previous six sessions carries ultimate significance.'

Read the anchor verse aloud together: Daniel 12:2 — 'Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.'

Movement 2: Teach — What the Text Reveals (15–20 min.)

Open with Daniel 12:13 — the personal promise to Daniel at the end of his life: 'As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.' Daniel's seventy-plus years of faithful service in a hostile empire — the lions' den, the fiery furnace of his companions, the multiple regime changes, the personal cost of integrity — all make sense in the light of this promise. He could risk temporal loss for eternal gain because he believed in eternal accountability and reward.

Walk through the Afterlife sub-category. Biblical Theism affirms bodily resurrection — not the soul escaping the body (gnosticism), not reincarnation (Hinduism), not mere legacy through influence (secular humanism), not absorption into the divine (pantheism). Personal, physical resurrection, personal judgment before Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10), and two eternal destinations. This is not peripheral theology; it is the culminating truth of the entire biblical narrative.

The NEW LIFE gospel framework maps onto the Eternal dimension: salvation is a kingdom transfer (Colossians 1:13 — 'He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves'). The Holy Spirit's indwelling is the seal and deposit guaranteeing an eternal inheritance (Ephesians 1:13–14). The eternal has already broken into the temporal. The believer is already in transit between kingdoms.

Develop the practical implications: if eternity is real, then every person we encounter is an eternal being with an eternal destiny. The Revival 2026 urgency — 'burning homes' — is the Eternal dimension's evangelistic application. The people around you are not just colleagues, neighbors, or family members with physical needs; they are souls with eternal destinations. That changes the urgency of witness, the depth of intercession, and the stakes of every conversation.

🔪 LEADER TIP: *Ask the group: 'If you genuinely believed that every person you encounter this week is an eternal being moving toward one of two eternal destinations — how would that change how you interact with them?' Let 2–3 people respond. Then: 'Daniel believed it. It changed everything about how he engaged Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, and Cyrus. He was not just a capable administrator — he was an eternal-horizon witness in every royal court.'*

+ THEOLOGICAL NOTE: The urgency of the gospel invitation is not manipulative — it is honest. The call to respond 'today' makes no sense apart from eternal consequence. The opportunity is open; the day is coming when it closes. This is not fear-mongering; it is the most loving thing a person can communicate to someone who has not yet responded to the gospel.

Movement 3: Discuss — Core Thesis & FRAME Connection (20–25 min.)

CORE THESIS

The Eternal dimension is the controlling horizon that gives weight to every other dimension of the FRAME. If God is real (Foundational), if we bear His image (Relational), if we exist to glorify Him (Aspirational), and if we are called to steward His world (Managerial) — then the question of where we are going is not peripheral theology. It is the ultimate stake that determines how seriously every other dimension is to be taken.

Discussion Questions

- **Does the reality of eternity — personal resurrection, personal judgment, two eternal destinations — actually change how you live day to day? Where is the gap between what you believe about eternity and how you behave as though this life were all that matters?**

Look for: Honest acknowledgment of practical materialism — living as though eternal consequences do not apply to daily decisions. This is the most common form of Eternal dimension neglect.

- **Daniel could risk temporal loss for eternal gain because his eternal horizon was real. Where are you currently unwilling to accept temporal cost for eternal investment — in relationships, in witness, in financial generosity, in vocational integrity?**

Look for: Specific, honest answers. The temporal cost that feels too high is usually a sign that the Eternal is not real enough to function as the controlling horizon.

- **Colossians 1:13 describes salvation as a 'rescue from the dominion of darkness' and transfer to 'the kingdom of the Son.' How does that language — not a self-help adjustment but a kingdom transfer — change how you understand what God has done for you?**

Look for: The magnitude shift. From minor adjustment to total reorientation. This framing should generate genuine wonder.

- **Who in your life is currently moving toward an eternal destination without the gospel? How does the Eternal dimension change the urgency of your relationship with them?**

Look for: The names. The specific people. This is the Revival 2026 application: write a list. Begin to pray. Let urgency become intercession.

Movement 4: Apply — Strategic Question (10–15 min.)

STRATEGIC QUESTION

If eternity is real — if resurrection, judgment, and unending destiny are as real as the FRAME claims — what is the most important thing I am currently treating as unimportant? And what am I treating as most important that eternity will reveal was least important?

Application Guidance

Give 4–5 minutes of silent reflection. This session needs the most space.

Invite sharing: 'Who came to mind when you heard the question about eternal destiny? You do not need to name them — but are you praying for them? Is the urgency of their eternal situation shaping how you engage them?'

Challenge for the week: begin a salvation prayer list — names of people in your life who do not yet have a relationship with Christ. Commit to praying for them daily this week. Come back ready to share who is on the list.

Optional: read Revelation 21:4 aloud together as a closing vision of what the eternal destination of believers actually looks like.

LEADER TIP: *If a participant shares significant fear about their own eternal security, do not minimize or rush past it. Address it directly from Ephesians 1:13–14 — the Spirit as seal and deposit guaranteeing our inheritance. Assurance is grounded in God's action, not our performance. If the concern is deep, offer to continue the conversation privately.*

Movement 5: Close — Prayer & Commission (5–10 min.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, make eternity real in our daily lives. Let the horizon of resurrection, judgment, and unending destiny with You change how we invest our time, how urgently we witness, how freely we release temporal things, and how courageously we accept temporal cost for eternal gain. Like Daniel, let us live every day in the light of the day we will rise to receive our allotted inheritance. Amen.

Commission:

This week, let the Eternal dimension govern one practical decision that would otherwise be governed by short-term thinking. And pray for the people on your salvation prayer list every day.

Bridge to Next Session

Session 8 is the synthesis — all five dimensions together, examined through Daniel's complete biography, and applied as a permanent diagnostic tool for every dimension of life. This is the capstone session. Ask participants to read Devotional 8 and spend time reviewing the FRAME at a Glance summary before arriving.

Session 8: Daniel's Integrated Life

SYNTHESIS — FRAME as a Whole • Devotional 8 • Anchor: Philippians 1:6

Session at a Glance

Dimension	SYNTHESIS — All Five Dimensions, One Integrated Life
Guiding Question	Am I living an integrated biblical worldview — or compartmentalizing it?
Core Thesis	The FRAME is not a checklist to complete — it is an architecture to inhabit. Daniel's life is the gold standard: seventy-plus years of every dimension intact and integrated, lived out in one of history's most aggressively totalizing cultures. The goal of this series is not worldview literacy — it is worldview formation. This session asks the hardest and most important question: Is the FRAME a framework you study, or a lens you live?
Key Scriptures	Philippians 1:6; Colossians 1:17–18; Daniel 6:4; Daniel 12:13; Romans 12:2
Suggested Time	75–90 minutes (allow extra time for synthesis and testimony)

Leader Preparation

Study the Text

This is the capstone session. Every previous session has developed one dimension; this session holds them all together. Your preparation must include a thorough review of all five previous sessions — not to repeat their content but to synthesize it.

Study the full arc of Daniel's biography: chapter 1 (Foundational conviction established, Relational identity maintained, Aspirational and Managerial faithfulness under Nebuchadnezzar I), chapters 2–4 (Managerial excellence in administration, Foundational witness to Nebuchadnezzar), chapters 5–6 (Aspirational and Ethical integrity under Belshazzar and Darius, the lions' den), chapters 7–12 (Eternal perspective through prophetic visions). The FRAME is not imposed on Daniel — it is the pattern his life reveals.

Prepare to facilitate genuine synthesis discussion — not just covering one more session's content but helping participants see the whole. The FRAME synthesis table in Devotional 8 is your primary teaching tool.

Plan for extended closing time. Allow participants to share testimony from the series — where God has done the deepest work, which dimension has most changed their daily life. This is the synthesis moment: transformation becomes testimony.

Theological Guardrails

- • Integration is the goal, not mastery of categories. A person who can recite all five dimensions but compartmentalizes faith from the rest of life has not achieved what this series was designed to produce.
- • Worldview formation is slow — this eight-session series is a beginning, not a completion. Guard against the impression that completing the series means the work is done.
- • The FRAME is a diagnostic tool going forward. Every significant decision, cultural claim, or relational challenge can be examined through all five questions. Model this in the final session.

Pray Before You Lead

Lord, as I lead this final session, let it not end as a course completion. Let it begin a lifetime of integrated biblical worldview formation. Where this series has opened eyes, let those eyes stay open. Where it has exposed gaps, let those gaps be filled — not by information but by ongoing formation. Start something in this room that does not end when we close Devotional 8. Amen.

Movement 1: Opening Prayer & Scripture (5 min.)

Check in: 'Two questions to close our series: Which FRAME dimension has most significantly challenged you? And where has God done the deepest work over these eight sessions?' Allow generous time — this is the testimony moment the whole series has been building toward.

Transition: 'Today we bring it all together. We have examined each dimension individually. Now we ask: does it hold together as an integrated whole? Daniel's answer is yes — and his biography is the proof.'

Read the anchor verse aloud together: Philippians 1:6 — 'Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.'

Movement 2: Teach — What the Text Reveals (15–20 min.)

Open the FRAME synthesis table from Devotional 8. Walk through all five dimensions — but this time, for each dimension, name one way Daniel's biography illustrates it. Do this efficiently: the goal is synthesis, not repetition. Each dimension in two to three sentences maximum: 'His Foundational conviction — God is sovereign over all kingdoms — held from chapter 1 to chapter 12, across four emperors. His Relational identity was received from God, not Babylon — Daniel refused the renamed identity, and seventy years later he was still Daniel. His Aspirational purpose was to honor God in every setting — enemies found no fault. His Managerial excellence was the result of a deeper foundation — ten times better because of a better FRAME. His Eternal perspective made temporal risk rational — he could enter the lions' den because he knew where he was ultimately going.'

Introduce the FRAME as a permanent diagnostic tool: for any decision, issue, or cultural claim, ask all five questions. Model it with a real current issue — a news story, a cultural trend, a personal decision the group has discussed. Walk through each question: What is the ultimate authority here (Foundational)? How does this affect human dignity (Relational)? What purpose or moral standard is assumed (Aspirational)? What are the practical implications (Managerial)? What are the eternal stakes (Eternal)?

Map the NEW LIFE gospel framework onto the complete FRAME: salvation is a Foundational encounter (God initiates conviction), a Relational transformation (new creation identity), an Aspirational reorientation (purpose shifts to God's glory), a Managerial empowerment (the Spirit equips for faithful engagement), and an Eternal transfer (from darkness to light, Col. 1:13). The gospel is not an add-on to the FRAME — it is the event the FRAME describes.

Close the teaching movement with the most important distinction of the entire series: worldview literacy vs. worldview formation. The FRAME can be memorized without being inhabited. The diagnostic test is Daniel's standard — not 'Can you name the five dimensions?' but 'Does your life produce the kind of conduct that even your critics cannot fault?'

LEADER TIP: *Ask the group: 'If Daniel's biography is the gold standard — every dimension intact and integrated over seventy years in a hostile culture — which dimension of your own FRAME is most in need of deepening? And what specific practice, habit, or community investment would support that deepening?' Give 2–3 minutes of silent reflection, then invite honest sharing.*

THEOLOGICAL NOTE: Philippians 1:6 is the most important promise for sustaining a biblical worldview after this series ends: 'He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.' Worldview formation is not a self-improvement project — it is a God-initiated, Spirit-sustained transformation that will not be complete until Christ returns. The role of this series is not to finish the work but to cooperate with it.

Movement 3: Discuss — Core Thesis & FRAME Connection (20–25 min.)

CORE THESIS

The FRAME is not a checklist to complete — it is an architecture to inhabit. Daniel's life is the gold standard: seventy-plus years of every dimension intact and integrated, lived out in one of history's most aggressively totalizing cultures. The goal of this series is not worldview literacy — it is worldview formation. This session asks the hardest and most important question: Is the FRAME a framework you study, or a lens you live?

Discussion Questions

- **Looking across all eight sessions, which FRAME dimension has most significantly changed how you see or engage the world? What is the specific change?**

Look for: Testimony with specificity. Not 'all of them' or 'I learned a lot.' A named dimension and a named change in perspective, habit, or conduct.

- **Daniel's biography is described as the 'gold standard' of an integrated FRAME. Where in your own life does the integration feel strongest? Where does compartmentalization still dominate?**

Look for: Honest self-assessment on the integration question. Which life domain (workplace, family, civic engagement, private spiritual life) most closely reflects the FRAME? Which most contradicts it?

- **The diagnostic test of the FRAME is not whether you can name the five dimensions but whether your life produces the kind of integrated conduct that even critics cannot fault. By that standard — how is your FRAME?**

Look for: Humility and honesty. This is not a shame question but an accountability question. The biblical standard is high; that is precisely why the Spirit's ongoing work (Phil. 1:6) is essential.

- **As this series closes: what is the most important thing you are taking with you? And what is the one concrete change you will make in the next thirty days to begin living it?**

Look for: Named commitments. The series should end with participants carrying specific next steps, not just general impressions. The commissioning moment requires specificity.

Movement 4: Apply — Strategic Question (10–15 min.)

STRATEGIC QUESTION

Going forward, when I face a significant decision, a challenging cultural claim, or a relational conflict — will I actually use the FRAME as a diagnostic tool? What would need to be different about my daily practice for the FRAME to become the operating system of my life rather than a framework I studied once?

Application Guidance

Give 5 minutes of silent reflection on the strategic question — the most extended reflection time of the series.

Invite closing testimony: 'Share one thing God has done in you through this series that you did not expect.' Allow multiple participants to share. This is not a discussion — it is testimony. Let it be generous and unhurried.

Challenge going forward: commit to three practices that will sustain worldview formation after the series ends: (1) Read one FRAME dimension's key scriptures each month in rotation. (2) Apply the five diagnostic questions to one significant decision each week. (3) Find one accountability partner from this group to continue the conversation.

Optional: distribute the FRAME at a Glance reference card again as a permanent tool — and invite participants to put it somewhere visible in their home, office, or car as a daily reminder.

LEADER TIP: *As the series leader, this is your moment to share testimony as well. Where has this series formed you? What do you see differently? Vulnerability from the leader gives participants permission to close with equal honesty.*

Movement 5: Close — Prayer & Commission (5–10 min.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, complete what You began. Take these eight sessions and make them not a course we finished but a lens we inhabit. Let the FRAME become so native to how we see that we stop noticing we are using it — because it has become the shape of who we are. Like Daniel, let our convictions survive every Babylon we are called into. And like him, let us rise to receive our allotted inheritance. To Your glory alone. Amen.

Commission:

The series closes here — but the formation continues. Philippians 1:6 is not a closing sentiment; it is a promise in effect from today until the day of Christ Jesus. Go and live the FRAME.

Appendix: Quick Reference for Leaders

The FRAME at a Glance

Dimension	Guiding Question	Categories	Core Answer
F — FOUNDATIONAL	<i>What is ultimately real and true?</i>	God, Truth, Reality	Personal Triune Creator; objective truth in Scripture; dual-dimensional reality
R — RELATIONAL	<i>Who am I in relation to others?</i>	Humanity, Gender, Family	Imago Dei with dignity; binary gender by design; family as formation community
A — ASPIRATIONAL	<i>Why am I here and how should I live?</i>	Purpose, Morality, Ethics	Glorify God through Christ; absolute morality from God's character; faith made visible
M — MANAGERIAL	<i>How do I engage and steward the world?</i>	Science, Politics, Economics	Faith-science compatible; limited government; stewardship not ownership
E — ETERNAL	<i>Where am I going?</i>	Afterlife	Heaven or Hell on relationship with Christ; eternal stakes govern temporal decisions

Daniel — The Gold Standard: FRAME at a Glance

Dimension	How Daniel Demonstrated It
F — FOUNDATIONAL	Acknowledged God of Israel as supreme in Babylon (Dan. 2:20–23, 4:17). Spoke truth to power regardless of consequences. Understood spiritual warfare as real (Dan. 10).
R — RELATIONAL	Maintained Hebrew identity despite Babylonian renaming. Loyal to his community (Dan. 2:17–18). Prayed for his people (Dan. 9). Identity received from God, not culture.
A — ASPIRATIONAL	Purpose: honor God in exile. Ethics so consistent enemies found no fault (Dan. 6:4). Refused bribes (Dan. 5:17). Continued praying under a death decree (Dan. 6:10).
M — MANAGERIAL	Ten times better than Babylon's experts (Dan. 1:20). Served four kings with excellence and integrity. Administered resources faithfully. Refused to be absorbed by the culture he excelled in.
E — ETERNAL	Received resurrection promises (Dan. 12:2–3). God's personal promise: 'you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance' (Dan. 12:13). Could risk temporal loss for eternal gain.

Series Scripture Index

Scripture	FRAME Application
Genesis 1:1	Foundational — God as Creator and ultimate reality
Genesis 1:26–28	Relational — Imago Dei; dominion mandate
Daniel 1:8, 1:17–20	Relational — identity integrity; Managerial — excellence without absorption
Daniel 2:20–23	Foundational — God's sovereignty over wisdom and kingdoms
Daniel 4:17	Foundational — God sovereign over all kingdoms
Daniel 6:4, 6:10	Aspirational — ethical consistency; prayer under pressure
Daniel 9:3–19	Aspirational — corporate repentance; prayer with moral weight
Daniel 12:2–3, 12:13	Eternal — resurrection; personal promise of inheritance
Colossians 1:16–17	Overview — all things created through Christ and held together in Him
Colossians 3:23	Managerial — vocation as service to the Lord
Romans 12:2	Introduction/Overview — worldview renewal; transformation of the mind
John 15:8	Aspirational — fruitfulness as the evidence of discipleship
Matthew 22:37–38	Aspirational — the greatest commandment as the summary of purpose
John 3:16	Eternal — salvation and eternal life
Colossians 1:13–14	Eternal — kingdom transfer; rescue from darkness
Ephesians 1:13–14	Eternal — Spirit as seal and deposit of inheritance
Philippians 1:6	Synthesis — God completes what He begins
2 Corinthians 5:10	Eternal — personal judgment before Christ
Micah 6:8	Aspirational — the integrated ethical posture
James 2:17	Aspirational — faith enacted; belief made visible

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