**A Leadership that Lasts Study Guide and Small Group Discussion Questions (Daniel 1)**

The call to serve in leadership, especially in the government, demands both an impeccable character and high competence from a person. This was evident in the lives of Daniel and his friends, who, even though they were chosen to serve a nation that conquered Israel, showed excellence in learning and adaptability, while also maintaining their morals and beliefs that were in accordance with God's standards.

*showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king’s palace*

Why do you think it’s important for us, Christians, to have a passion for continued learning?

In what ways are we showing an aptitude to be continuously trained as we seek to be disciplemakers? Cite some examples.

*They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king’s service.*

What are some of the benefits of not taking shortcuts when it comes to our training as disciples?

Are there situations when we need to fast track our equipping?

*But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.*

How are we faring when it comes to not making compromises in our personal lives?

Have you been tested recently in making compromises? How did you respond? Please share.

*“Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink.*

How do you react when your beliefs and convictions are tested, questioned, or scrutinized by others?

How can we make sure that our convictions and beliefs are in accordance with God’s will and standards and not just our own?