

Grace Group Discussion Guide

Daniel's Prayer, Part 1

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Daniel 9:1–9a

Synopsis:

Daniel 9 Gives 4 Elements of Intercessory Prayer on Behalf of the Nation of Israel that Reveal a True Understanding of Prayer for Every Believer Today

1. Prayer Flows from our Discovery of God's Word
2. Prayer Leads to a Greater Disclosure of God's Person
3. Prayer Leads to A Greater Discovery of our Sin

Questions:

Warm Up:

1. What is one way that Sunday's sermon encouraged, exhorted, challenged, or corrected you?
2. Pastor Scott called this one of the greatest prayers in the Bible. What other prayers come to mind from Scripture? What makes a prayer great?

Discussion:

1. How does verse 2 connect God's Word to what follows? What does Daniel do in response to his time in the Word?
2. Daniel calls God, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love..." What is revealed here of Daniel's understanding of God?
3. What is clear from verses 5–9? How does this contrast with verse 4?

Application:

1. Pastor Scott said "God's sovereignty is never an excuse for fatalism." Why is this important to understand? How can you apply it this week to your prayer life?
2. What is the prayer posture described in verse 3? Why do we need more of this when we pray?
3. How should the fact that God "keeps covenant and steadfast love" lead you to pray?
4. Why are the two pillars of a high view of God and high view of the Word so essential for church? What about prayer?

Prayer Suggestion: This week, pray (1) that your life would be characterized by a high view of God and the Word and (2) that you would repent in prayer before the Lord.

Missions Prayer Requests

This month, we are praying for our two short-term missions trips in January:

1. Praise God for the return of Team Mexico! We are thankful that the Lord used Team Mexico for kingdom work as they assisted the Ortega family in El Fuerte.
2. Pray for Team Albania for traveling mercies, safety and health, for the gospel to go forth, and for many to turn to Him who saves.
3. Pray for Pastor Scott as He proclaims the gospel message in Albania through his teaching on biblical marriage.