

Grace Group Discussion Guide

Daniel's Prayer, Part 2

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Daniel 9:9–19

Synopsis:

Daniel 9 Gives Four 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 Discernment of our Sin
4. Prayer Leads to a Greater Desire for God's Glory

Questions:

Warm Up:

1. What is one way that the sermon encouraged, exhorted, challenged, or corrected you?
2. Discuss Owen's quote, "What an individual is in secret, on his knees before God, that he is and no more."

Discussion:

1. Daniel's prayer alludes to passages like Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28, Exodus 34, and Psalm 44. What does this teach about the relationship between Scripture and prayer?
2. What is sin? Why is it important for Daniel to confess it in verses 5–11?
3. What is the hope of Leviticus 26:40–42? How does this relate to Daniel 9? Consider verses 12–14.
4. How does Daniel's request in verses 16–18 maintain a focus on God's glory as he asks for deliverance?

Application:

1. What launched Daniel into prayer was Scripture. How can you pursue the same this week?
2. Consider Pastor Scott's discussion of the book "What Ever Happened to Sin?" and his quote of a prominent pastor saying that we should go around all day thinking "I am amazing." Where have you seen the absence of guilt and sin in the culture around you? How has this mindset threatened to enter into your own life?
3. Where have you developed a greater discernment of your sin? Where are you pursuing repentance?
4. Does your prayer "find its core motivation in the desire for God's name to be glorified in Christ?"

Prayer Suggestion: This week, pray that God would be glorified in the prayers of the saints at Grace Church of the Valley, in Albania, in Mexico, and across the world.

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. Praise God for the return of Team Albania! We are thankful for their faithfulness in serving, proclaiming the gospel, teaching, and counseling.