

**Daniel 11:2-20**  
**March 16, 2025**



### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

- What are some highs or lows you experienced this past week?
- What Scripture has been shaping you recently?
- Where have you seen God moving in your life this week?
- What did you hear in today's sermon OR read in today's passage that you would like to discuss?
- What did you learn about yourself in today's sermon/passage?
- What did you learn about God in today's sermon/passage?
- What convicted you as you listened to today's sermon OR read in today's passage?

### **INTRODUCTION**

*As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.*

#### **Box of Truth**

What you will need:

- 5-10 boxes
- 5-10 funny items (like a banana dressed as a minion, a picture of the youth minister's face taped to a potato, someone in the group's face printed onto the body of cartoon, a box of Valentine's candy filled with broccoli, etc.)

Prepare:

Place one item in each box. Keep the boxes out of sight.

How to Play:

- Ask for volunteers to look inside a box without revealing its contents to the group.
- Each volunteer will describe what's in the box, choosing to either tell the truth or make something up.
- The group guesses whether the volunteer is telling the truth or lying.
- Continue until all the boxes have been viewed and guessed.

Teaching Moment:

Today, we played “Box of Truth.” You had to guess if our volunteers were being truthful or making things up. In our Bible story today, we are learning about truth. Last week, we saw how Daniel met an angel, and this week, the angel will reveal the truth about the future to Daniel.

**Would someone recap what we talked about in our passage last week?**

**We are tackling more prophecy today. What types of prophecy have we learned about so far in our study of Daniel?**

## ***DISCUSSION***

 **ASK MULTIPLE VOLUNTEERS TO READ DANIEL 11:2-20.**

**What did the angel say would happen in these verses?**

**Daniel had received prophecy about the “warrior king” previously. Does anyone remember what we learned from that prophecy?**

**How does it build your faith in God’s Word to see prophecies like these being fulfilled in very specific ways?**

**The events described here can be overwhelming to take in or understand, but it is important we don’t bypass them. What do these passages teach us about God’s understanding and control of human history?**

**What do these verses remind you of the passing nature of human authority, no matter how great it appears in the moment?**

**How does this give us hope in difficult circumstances?**

## ***GOING DEEPER***

**How do the specifics of the events studied today encourage you to trust God in every area of life?**

**What feels overwhelming to you right now? How does today’s passage remind you that God cares about that situation and is working in it?**

## **APPLICATION**

**What do you notice about the detail in this prophecy? What does this tell us about God's care for the details of life on earth?**

**What does this teach us about God's authority and control? What do we need to know this?**

**Considering Daniel's prayers, why do you think this prophecy was important for Daniel to understand?**

## **PRAYER**

Praise God for being in charge. He is control of all, knows all, and sees all. He isn't surprised when things happen. Thank Him for the truth found in the Bible and for giving us the opportunity to understand it, just like Daniel did with the help of the angel in our reading today. Ask Him for help and understanding as you continue your study of Daniel.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

*Encourage your group to look ahead to next week's scripture passage as we continue our study of Daniel.*

**March 23, 2025 --- Daniel 11:21-12:4**

## **COMMENTARY**

**Daniel 11:2-20**

Daniel 11:2-35 outlines the course of Palestinian history from Daniel's time to the time of Antiochus Epiphanes. Verse 2 refers to the four Persian rulers who would succeed Cyrus: Cambyses (530-522 BC), Pseudo-Smerdis (522), Darius I (522-486), and Xerxes (486-465). It alludes to Xerxes' campaign against Greece. Verses 3-4 then refer to Alexander the Great (336-323) and the division of his kingdom. Verses 5-20 outline the relationship between the Seleucids ("the king of the North"), who ruled Syria, and the Ptolemies ("the king of the South"), who ruled Egypt during the period 321-175.