

Daniel 12:5-13

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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.

Today, we wrap our study of the book of Daniel. Let's do a quick recap together!

1. Get into small groups of three or four people.
2. Chat with your team about what you've learned from the book of Daniel. Each team should pick one main takeaway to share with the whole group.
3. You have ten minutes to discuss. When time's up, each team will share their takeaway with the whole group.

Would someone recap for us what happened in the passages we studied last week?

What has been revealed to Daniel in our study over the past several weeks?

Over the past several weeks, we've been exploring the prophecy given to Daniel by an angel on the banks of the Tigris River. This prophecy included very detailed descriptions of events that would happen soon after Daniel's time and gave a glimpse into the end times. Today, we'll finish our look at these events and wrap up the book of Daniel.

DISCUSSION

 ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ DANIEL 12:5-13.

What did Daniel see in these verses?

Where have we seen a man dressed in linen in Daniel before? (Take a look at Daniel 10, specifically verse 5, for help.)

What did the man dressed in linen tell Daniel?

How might this information be a comfort to believers now and in the future?

What does the revelation of this truth tell us about God's character?

What was Daniel's response to the man in linen?

What do you think the man in linen meant by "the words are secret and sealed until the time of the end" (v.9)?

What does verse 10 help us understand?

GOING DEEPER

Why might this information have been overwhelming for Daniel? How do you typically respond when you feel overwhelmed by new information? How can we trust God in these moments?

When was a time you didn't understand everything God was doing but you chose to trust Him anyway?

APPLICATION

Daniel was the recipient of prophecy that God knew he wouldn't fully understand. What does this tell us about how God works and uses us for His purposes?

What does Daniel's life teach us about living faithfully for the Lord?

Our study today wraps up our time in Daniel. What are your big takeaways from our study of this book?

PRAYER

Thank God for the gift of Scripture. Thank Him for the comfort of knowing the truth, both for us today and for believers living in the future. Ask Him to give your group takeaways from your study of the book of Daniel and to give you faithfulness, like Daniel, in your everyday lives.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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COMMENTARY

Daniel 12:5-12

The angel instructed Daniel to seal up the revelation until the end times. Daniel then saw two other angelic beings standing by the river, both of whom were clothed in linen. One asked how long it would be before the revelation was fulfilled. The other responded that “a time, times, and a half a time” (probably three and a half years) would pass between the breaking of Israel’s power and the fulfillment of the vision. Verse 11 apparently gives amore exact measurement of this period (1,290 days). The significance of the figure given inverse 12 (1,335 days) is unclear. In conjunction with verse 11, it implies that there would be an additional forty-five-day period before the complete fulfillment of the vision.