

Home Group Notes
Week of January 5, 2025
Introduction to the book of “Daniel”



CATCH UP WITH EACH OTHER

How was the Christmas season for you? Was there a special truth that stood out to you?

PERSPECTIVE

I talked with a friend who was very sick during the entire holiday season. She had to miss everything her family and friends did together. When I heard, I said that I was so sorry to hear, and that illness can ruin everything we look forward to at this time of the year. She responded, “Don’t feel bad for me” and then spoke out a list of many who have painful and difficult lives. Her perspective about her loss seemed small compared to the many around us who are in need, suffering, or facing a bleak future.

How are you feeling about the future?
What shapes your perspective for this new year?

LEARN FROM GOD’S WORD TOGETHER

Here are three ideas for how we can begin our season of learning from the book of “Daniel.”

- 1) Watch The Bible Project video together: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/daniel/>
- 2) Discussion
 - a. What stood out to you from the Bible Project overview?
 - b. What were Daniel’s life circumstances at the young age of 15ish? (Chapter one) What would be equivalent in someone’s life today?
 - c. What are the big themes (motifs) in the book of Daniel?
- 3) Take up the challenge to read the entire book of “Daniel” this week. Set up a way (e.g., text thread) to communicate your thoughts as you read through the book.

DISCIPLESHIP ENCOURAGEMENT

As you walk through your week, consider this challenge: What have you learned that you can pass on to someone in your world about having hope for the future?

SHARE AND PRAY

- Who in your world can we pray that God will give you opportunity to influence, to encourage, or to help follow Jesus?
- Who can we pray for that is hurting, lonely, or poor?
- How can we pray for you / each other to be God’s agents of love, truth, and reconciliation?