



GM LIFE GROUP CURRICULUM

# D A N I E L

part 2

March - May 2019

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26	Parent's Night Out
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# GMEVENTS 2019

## Daniel 8:1-27

"In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after the one that had appeared to me earlier. <sup>2</sup> I saw the vision, and as I watched, I was in the fortress city of Susa, in the province of Elam. I saw in the vision that I was beside the Ulai Canal. <sup>3</sup> I looked up, and there was a ram standing beside the canal. He had two horns. The two horns were long, but one was longer than the other, and the longer one came up last. <sup>4</sup> I saw the ram charging to the west, the north, and the south. No animal could stand against him, and there was no rescue from his power. He did whatever he wanted and became great.

<sup>5</sup> As I was observing, a male goat appeared, coming from the west across the surface of the entire earth without touching the ground. The goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. <sup>6</sup> He came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and rushed at him with savage fury. <sup>7</sup> I saw him approaching the ram, and infuriated with him, he struck the ram, breaking his two horns, and the ram was not strong enough to stand against him. The goat threw him to the ground and trampled him, and there was no one to rescue the ram from his power. <sup>8</sup> Then the male goat acted even more arrogantly, but when he became powerful, the large horn was broken. Four conspicuous horns came up in its place, pointing toward the four winds of heaven.

<sup>9</sup> From one of them a little horn emerged and grew extensively toward the south and the east and toward the beautiful land. <sup>10</sup> It grew as high as the heavenly army, made some of the army and some of the stars fall to the earth, and trampled them. <sup>11</sup> It acted arrogantly even against the Prince of the heavenly army; it revoked his regular sacrifice and overthrew the place of his sanctuary. <sup>12</sup> In the rebellion, the army was given up, together with the regular sacrifice. The horn threw truth to the ground and was successful in what it did.

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the speaker, 'How long will the events of this vision last—the regular sacrifice, the rebellion that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and of the army to be trampled?'

<sup>14</sup> He said to me, 'For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be restored.'

<sup>15</sup> While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there stood before me someone who appeared to be a man. <sup>16</sup> I heard a human voice calling from the middle of the Ulai: 'Gabriel, explain the vision to this man.'

<sup>17</sup> So he approached where I was standing; when he came near, I was terrified and fell face-down. 'Son of man,' he said to me, 'understand that the vision refers to the time of the end.'

<sup>18</sup> While he was speaking to me, I fell into a deep sleep, with my face to the ground. Then he touched me, made me stand up, <sup>19</sup> and said, 'I am here to tell you what will happen at the conclusion of the time of wrath, because it refers to the appointed time of the end. <sup>20</sup> The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. <sup>21</sup> The shaggy goat represents the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes represents the first king. <sup>22</sup> The four horns that took the place of the broken horn represent four kingdoms. They will rise from that nation, but without its power.

<sup>23</sup> Near the end of their kingdoms, when the rebels have reached the full measure of their sin, a ruthless king, skilled in intrigue, will come to the throne. <sup>24</sup> His power will be great, but it will not be his own. He will cause outrageous destruction and succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the powerful along with the holy people. <sup>25</sup> He will cause deceit to prosper through his cunning and by his influence, and in his own mind he will exalt himself. He will destroy many in a time of peace; he will even stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be broken—not by human hands. <sup>26</sup> The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true. Now you are to seal up the vision because it refers to many days in the future.'

<sup>27</sup> I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for days. Then I got up and went about the king's business. I was greatly disturbed by the vision and could not understand it."



## COMPONENTS

### WELCOME

Honoring others by welcoming & valuing them

### OPENING PRAYER

Inviting God's Holy Spirit into our presence

### PURPOSE

Remembering why we are here

### GROUND RULES

Establishing healthy boundaries for LIFE Groups

### ICEBREAKER

Setting the stage for trust, transparency and relationships

### CELEBRATION

Recognizing what God has done in our group

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### PLACES TO PLAY

Allowing others to lead in LIFE Group the following week by assigning them one of the components

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We are committed to resolving conflict biblically according to **Matthew 18**

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OPENING PRAYER \_\_\_\_\_

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ICEBREAKER \_\_\_\_\_

CELEBRATION: Share how our last life group impacted your week?



## Lets get started...

Early on in the book of Daniel, we saw God speak to others in dreams and visions. Daniel was able to interpret them with divine help from God. Daniel and his close friends showed time and time again their devotion to the Lord and their unwaivering faith in even the toughest of circumstances. They would come against direct death sentences, saying that even if God did not save them, they would still bless His name and never deny His power. Today we will see God giving Daniel a vision directly about the times to come. It is very similar to the one given to Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2 and Daniel, himself, in Chapter 7.

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The prophesy we will look at today would have been very difficult for Daniel and the people of that time, approximately 551BC, to grasp. While the majority of the prophesy is history to us, it spoke about kings and kingdoms that were to follow Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar, whom we learned about in Chapters 1-8. The visions we will read about prophesy to the decline of the Babylonian Empire. All of these pagan rulers were and will be used by God to shape the future and the world as we know it. See below for the timeline and explanation of the rulers spoken of in this prophesy.



King Cyrus of Persia, 539BC (Daniel 8:3-4, 20)	Alexander the Great of Greece, 323BC (Dan. 8:5-8,21-22)	Antiochus IV Epiphanes of Syria, 175BC-163BC (Daniel 8:9-14)	The Antichrist, Still to come (Daniel 8:23-27)
Chosen by God to defeat the Babylonians and allowed the Jews to return to their land.	Ended Eastern influence from taking over the Western world.	Known as one of the cruelest, most evil tyrants in history who outlawed everything having to do with the Jewish culture, killing all those who read from the law of Moses.	Compared to Antiochus, only much worse. Will seek to replace Jesus Christ, only to be defeated by Christ once and for all, being sent to the lake of fire.

*As you are listening today, be thinking of preparations you can take now for the end times.*

## KEY VERSE

### Daniel 2:21

"He changes the times and seasons; he removes kings and establishes kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding."

## FUN FACTS

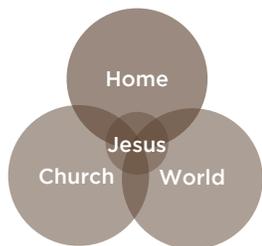
Susa: modern day Iran

At the time of Daniel's vision, Greece was not yet considered a world power

Gabriel also appeared in Luke 1:11 & Luke 1:26

Daniel ch. 7 & 8 chronologically came between Daniel ch. 4 & 5

Who's your ONE?



LIFECIRCLES

WEEK 1  
MAR 17 - 23

TELL THE STORY: \_\_\_\_\_

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### DANIEL 8:1-27

## DANIELS VISION OF A RAM AND GOAT



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*For the following, use these questions or formulate your own.*

Where else in Scripture do we see the same angel coming to God's people in a vision or dream?



What was Daniel's response to the vision?

How does this passage describe the Antichrist?

In what ways would you be able to recognize the Antichrist?



If the Antichrist were to come and ban the worship of God in our lifetime, what would you do to preserve the Christian culture?

What are some preparations you can make now for the end times?



Whom in your life circles will you intentionally share Christ with this week, knowing there is an end coming?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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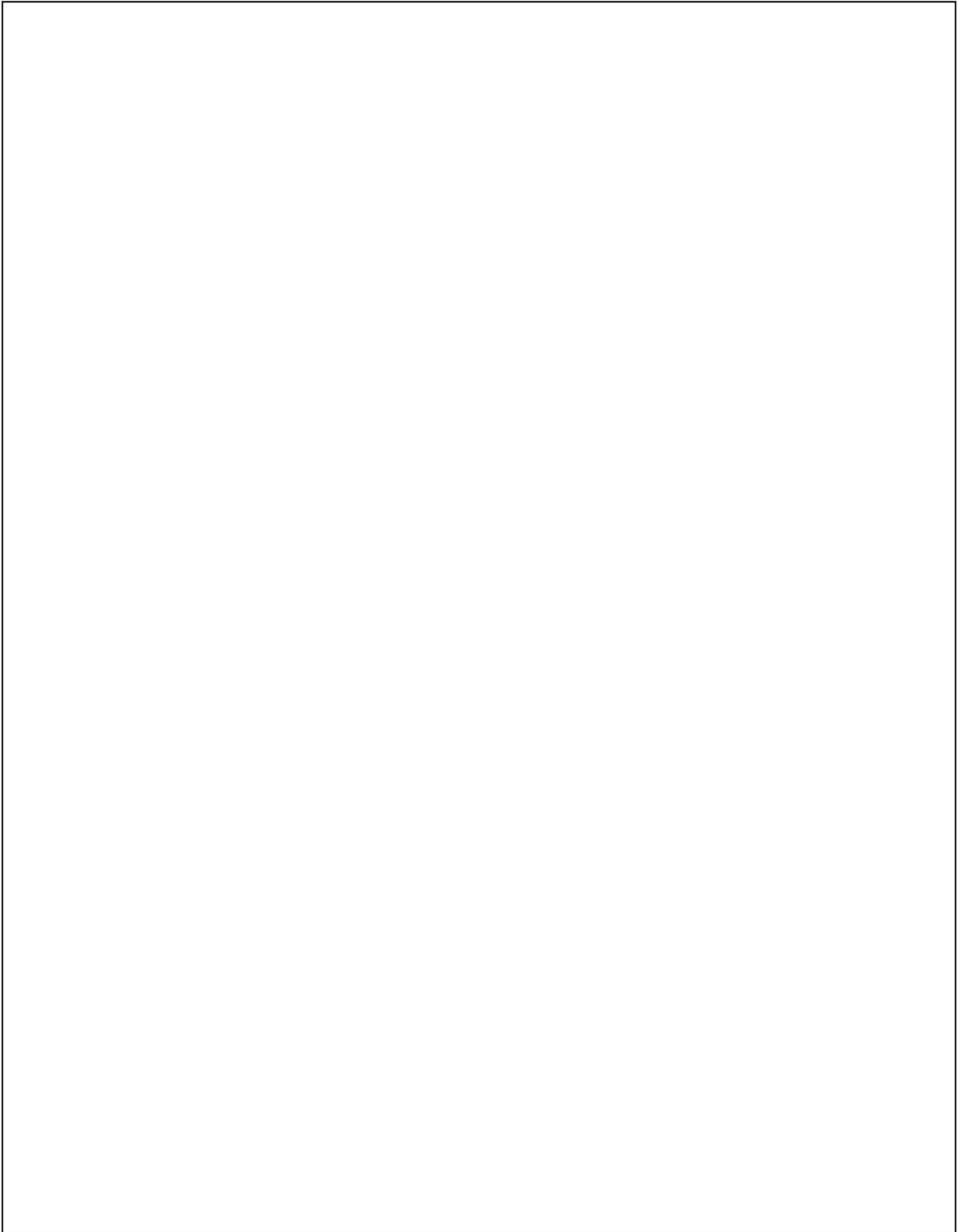
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REMEMBER TO GIVE OTHERS A PLACE TO PLAY NEXT LIFE GROUP



**Daniel 9:1-19**

"In the first year of Darius, the son of Ahasuerus, a Mede by birth, who was made king over the Chaldean kingdom—<sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the books according to the word of the Lord to the prophet Jeremiah that the number of years for the desolation of Jerusalem would be seventy.<sup>3</sup> So I turned my attention to the Lord God to seek him by prayer and petitions, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: Ah, Lord—the great and awe-inspiring God who keeps his gracious covenant with those who love him and keep his commands—<sup>5</sup> we have sinned, done wrong, acted wickedly, rebelled, and turned away from your commands and ordinances. <sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, leaders, fathers, and all the people of the land.

<sup>7</sup> Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but this day public shame belongs to us: the men of Judah, the residents of Jerusalem, and all Israel—those who are near and those who are far, in all the countries where you have banished them because of the disloyalty they have shown toward you. <sup>8</sup> Lord, public shame belongs to us, our kings, our leaders, and our fathers, because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup> Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him <sup>10</sup> and have not obeyed the Lord our God by following his instructions that he set before us through his servants the prophets.

<sup>11</sup> All Israel has broken your law and turned away, refusing to obey you. The promised curse written in the law of Moses, the servant of God, has been poured out on us because we have sinned against him. <sup>12</sup> He has carried out his words that he spoke against us and against our rulers by bringing on us a disaster that is so great that nothing like what has been done to Jerusalem has ever been done under all of heaven. <sup>13</sup> Just as it is written in the law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our iniquities and paying attention to your truth. <sup>14</sup> So the Lord kept the disaster in mind and brought it on us, for the Lord our God is righteous in all he has done. But we have not obeyed him.

<sup>15</sup> Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a strong hand and made your name renowned as it is this day, we have sinned, we have acted wickedly. <sup>16</sup> Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, may your anger and wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become an object of ridicule to all those around us.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, our God, hear the prayer and the petitions of your servant. Make your face shine on your desolate sanctuary for the Lord's sake. <sup>18</sup> Listen closely, my God, and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations and the city that bears your name. For we are not presenting our petitions before you based on our righteous acts, but based on your abundant compassion. <sup>19</sup> Lord, hear! Lord, forgive! Lord, listen and act! My God, for your own sake, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your name."



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CELEBRATION: Share how our last life group impacted your week?



## Lets get started...

Daniel had served under several kings in the Babalonian Empire including Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar. In today's story, Daniel is serving under Darius of the Medio-Persia Empire, who witnessed God's hand through Daniel's faithfulness when he refused to pray to the king and was thrown in to the lion's den. The lions did not touch him as God had shut their mouths. Daniel was a man of prayer, and because he knew God's Word and prayed diligently, he was able to make his way through daily trials and persecution.

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Sometimes as Christians, we fall into the error of believing that once we have said the "sinners prayer" we have a free ticket to heaven and can live any way that we want. Daniel's life is such a good example of living reverently before the Lord. Reverence is the deepest form of respect and regard for our heavenly Father. Respect for Him is something that is almost extinct in our culture today; however, God has not changed, nor will He ever. As believers we do not have the option of disrespecting His Sovereignty. He has the last word and does not tolerate disobedience and unbelief. As a church, we use the term POWER-Full (Pray, Obedience, Word, Exaltation, Relationships, and Full of the Holy Spirit) to help us remember the spiritual disciplines that strengthen our faith in our Lord and Savior. Pray is a powerful weapon we can use against the enemy, who wants to kill, steal, and destroy us. In today's story, Daniel models the importance of preparation, worship, and confession in prayer. Coming to God with our prayers in this way pleases Him.



*As you're listening today, think of how you personally can follow the model of Daniel's prayer in your life.*

**KEY VERSE**

**Daniel 9:18**

Open your eyes and see our desolations and the city that bears your name. For we are not presenting our petitions before you based on our righteous acts, but based on your abundant compassion.

**SUMMARY**

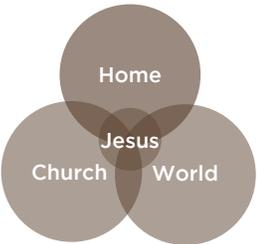
Preparing for prayer is just as important as the prayer itself

Worship and confession must come before petition when we pray

God's grace: giving us what we don't deserve

God's mercy: not giving us what we do deserve

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**DANIEL 9:1-19  
DANIEL'S PRAYER**



*For the following, use these questions or formulate your own.*

What was Daniel's attitude when he was praying to the Lord?



What are some of God's characteristics that Daniel points out in this passage?

According to vs. 4-15, what is the importance of worship and confession before petitioning God?



Fasting is listed as one of the preparations to Daniel's prayer in vs. 3. List some things in your life that you could fast from for the sake of petition before the Lord.

Why is it so hard for you personally to devote yourself to the Word of God and prayer.

Think of how you pray. In what ways do you speak openly, honestly, and vulnerably with God?



This week, join with someone else in Life Group and seek God intentionally on behalf of our nation using the same method as Daniel in this passage.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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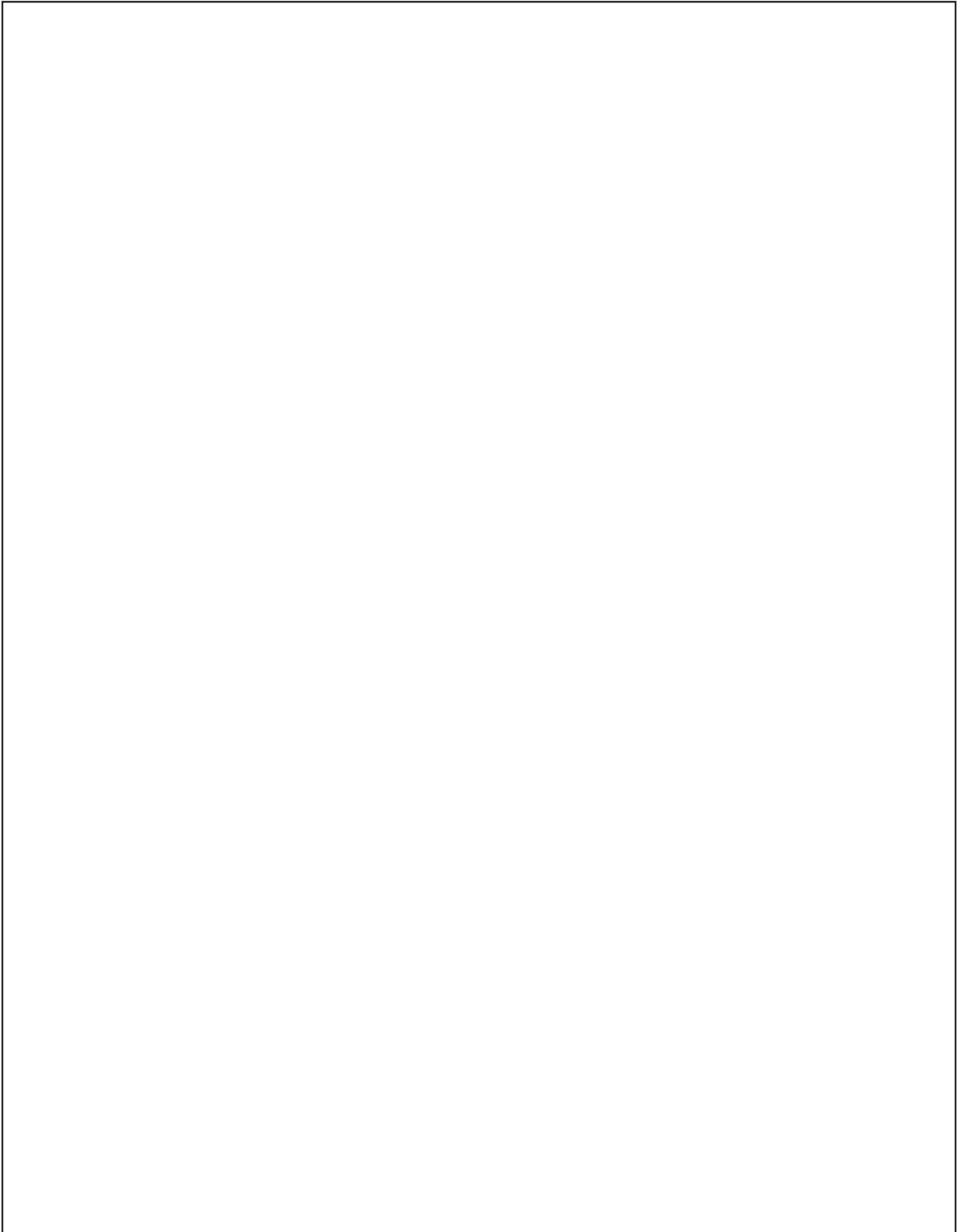
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CLOSING PRAYER: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Daniel 9:20-27**

<sup>20</sup> While I was speaking, praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my petition before the Lord my God concerning the holy mountain of my God— <sup>21</sup> while I was praying, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the first vision, reached me in my extreme weariness, about the time of the evening offering. <sup>22</sup> He gave me this explanation: 'Daniel, I've come now to give you understanding. <sup>23</sup> At the beginning of your petitions an answer went out, and I have come to give it, for you are treasured by God. So consider the message and understand the vision:

<sup>24</sup> Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city— to bring the rebellion to an end, to put a stop to sin, to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. <sup>25</sup> Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until an Anointed One, the ruler, will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It will be rebuilt with a plaza and a moat, but in difficult times. <sup>26</sup> After those sixty-two weeks the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the coming ruler will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come with a flood, and until the end there will be war; desolations are decreed. <sup>27</sup> He will make a firm covenant with many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and offering. And the abomination of desolation will be on a wing of the temple until the decreed destruction is poured out on the desolator''



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ICEBREAKER As a group discuss a serve project for next week

CELEBRATION: Share how our last life group impacted your week?



## Lets get started...

Daniel was living in Babylon at the time, but his heart was still in Jerusalem. He was a man of prayer and measured time on Yahweh's calendar according to the schedule of prayer he remembered as a young man. Daniel knew how to talk to God, pleading on behalf of a sinful nation. More importantly, he knew how to listen to God. God saw Daniel's faithfulness and used him on multiple occasions to speak to people on His behalf. God trusted Daniel with visions concerning future events which are recorded in the book of Daniel. Today's passage is a continuation of last week's lesson. We see the angel, Gabriel, giving Daniel an understanding of the visions that God showed him about the end of the age and the coming Anointed One.

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Today's passage can seem complex and confusing. According to many scholars, the timeframe spoken of in this chapter refers to a total of 490 years, split in to three timeframes. The first is the years of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls and restoring the gates. The second speaks of the years from the rebuilding of the wall to the coming of the Messiah found in the gospels, and the third timeframe speaks of the Tribulation, which is still to come. Daniel was trusted with these visions of the future, understanding that God, in His sovereignty, was omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient. Oftentimes we get so caught up in our own little world that we forget God is working all around us, all the time, with the mindset that His kingdom will reign forever. Because God shared prophetic visions with His prophets, we have insight to the future He planned from the beginning of time.



*As you're listening today, be thinking of how this changes the desire you have to share the gospel with others.*

## KEY VERSE

### Deuteronomy 29:29

“The hidden things belong to the Lord our God, but the revealed things belong to us and our children forever, so that we may follow all the words of this law.”

## SUMMARY

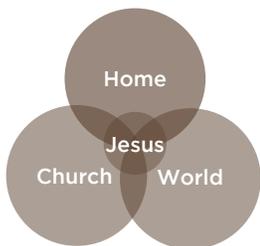
God values the prayers of the faithful

Omnipresent: All present  
Omniscient: All knowing  
Omnipotent: All powerful

Prophecy is given to us to strengthen our faith, our faith in Scripture, God’s promises, and the future

God’s perfect, eternal Kingdom is still to come

Who’s your ONE?



LIFECIRCLES

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## DANIEL 9:20-27 SEVENTY WEEKS OF YEARS



*For the following, use these questions or formulate your own.*

What points to the Messiah returning in this passage?



How do we see God’s mercy and His judgement in this passage?

What part this passage points to God’s omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent character?



Because God’s Word is true, how does knowing the tribulation is coming affect the way you are living now?

How will you pray differently after reading this passage?

How does knowing the end game affect your desire to share your faith with others?



Knowing the end is near, choose one person in your life circles who doesn’t know Jesus, share the gospel with them this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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CLOSING PRAYER: \_\_\_\_\_



REMEMBER TO GIVE OTHERS A PLACE TO PLAY NEXT LIFE GROUP  
\*Next week is a serve week, Assign roles for the following week (wk 5)



WEEK 4  
APR 7 - 13

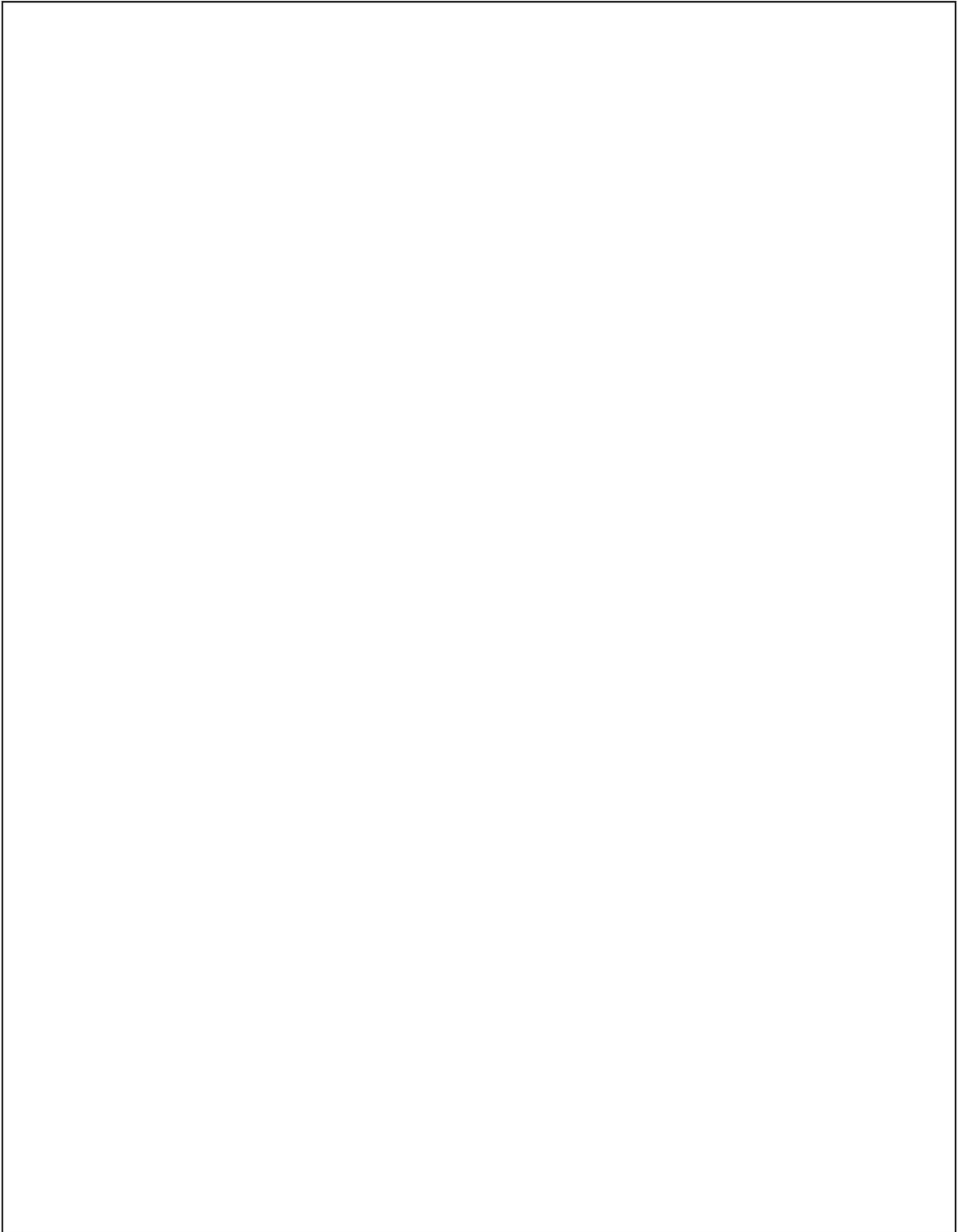
Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

**SERVE**

**WEEK**

**NO LIFE GROUP**



## Daniel 12:1-13

"At that time Michael, the great prince who stands watch over your people, will rise up. There will be a time of distress such as never has occurred since nations came into being until that time. But at that time all your people who are found written in the book will escape.

<sup>2</sup> Many who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to eternal life, and some to disgrace and eternal contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who have insight will shine like the bright expanse of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

<sup>4</sup> 'But you, Daniel, keep these words secret and seal the book until the time of the end. Many will roam about, and knowledge will increase.'

<sup>5</sup> Then I, Daniel, looked, and two others were standing there, one on this bank of the river and one on the other. <sup>6</sup> One of them said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the water of the river, 'How long until the end of these wondrous things?' <sup>7</sup> Then I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the water of the river. He raised both his hands toward heaven and swore by him who lives eternally that it would be for a time, times, and half a time. When the power of the holy people is shattered, all these things will be completed.

<sup>8</sup> I heard but did not understand. So I asked, 'My lord, what will be the outcome of these things?'

<sup>9</sup> He said, 'Go on your way, Daniel, for the words are secret and sealed until the time of the end.

<sup>10</sup> Many will be purified, cleansed, and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand. <sup>11</sup> From the time the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the one who waits for and reaches 1,335 days. <sup>13</sup> But as for you, go on your way to the end; you will rest, and then you will stand to receive your allotted inheritance at the end of the days.'"



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Daniel was a faithful prophet of Yahweh who was entrusted with many visions, some of the near future and some that will take place beyond our lifetime. While many of these visions are difficult for us to comprehend today, we have to remember there were times when Daniel himself did not understand them and needed help with their interpretations. Even when the future seems unclear or frightening, God is always in control. Nothing in the past, present, or future comes as a surprise to Him, and we can rest easy in His sovereignty.

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"Second Timothy 3:12 reminds us that 'all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.' This basic theological axiom runs true throughout redemptive history in both testaments. But as history as we know it draws to a close, opposition, persecution, and suffering will escalate so that 'there will be a time of distress such as never has occurred since nations came into being until that time' (Dan 12:1). Verse 7 adds that this will be 'when the power of the holy people is shattered.' This will be when 'all these things will be completed'". (*Christ Centered Exposition, Exalting Jesus in Daniel*, p.161, Daniel L. Akin) Although the realities of persecution are hard to imagine and thoughts of the end can seem grim, there is hope for those who put their trust in Jesus; we have a tendency to forget that. Even though our salvation is secure in Jesus, we must still live holy lives that are pleasing to our Father in Heaven. The closer we get to God and the more we know Him the easier it is to understand His desire to bring all those who don't know Him into His everlasting grace and mercy. We were made to bring Him glory, so let's busy ourselves with His mission and not our own.



*As you're listening, be thinking of why it is so important to live a holy life if your salvation is secure in Christ Jesus?*

KEY VERSE

Daniel 12:3

“Those who have insight will shine like the bright expanse of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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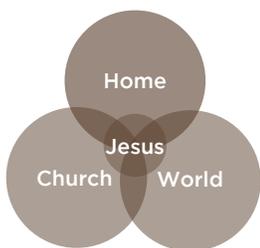
We must be prepared and ready for intense trouble and persecution

Hold tight to God’s Word and grow in your understanding of it

Holiness: the state of being fully devoted to God  
Righteousness: acting in a virtuous, moral way

Endure all things to the end, knowing it is worth it

Who’s your ONE?



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DANIEL 12:1-13  
PROPHECY OF END TIME



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What do we learn about God in this passage?



According to vs. 3, what is our responsibility now as believers?

The idea of keeping these words secret was not to hide them but to protect them and keep them safe. Why is this so important?

Why is preparation for persecution and the end times such an important part of discipleship?



What areas of faithfulness, holiness, and/or righteousness is God calling you to now before His return?

Why is it so important for you to live a holy life if your salvation is secure in Christ Jesus?



This week ask God to purify your heart so as to live a daily life that glorifies Him and points others to know Him more.

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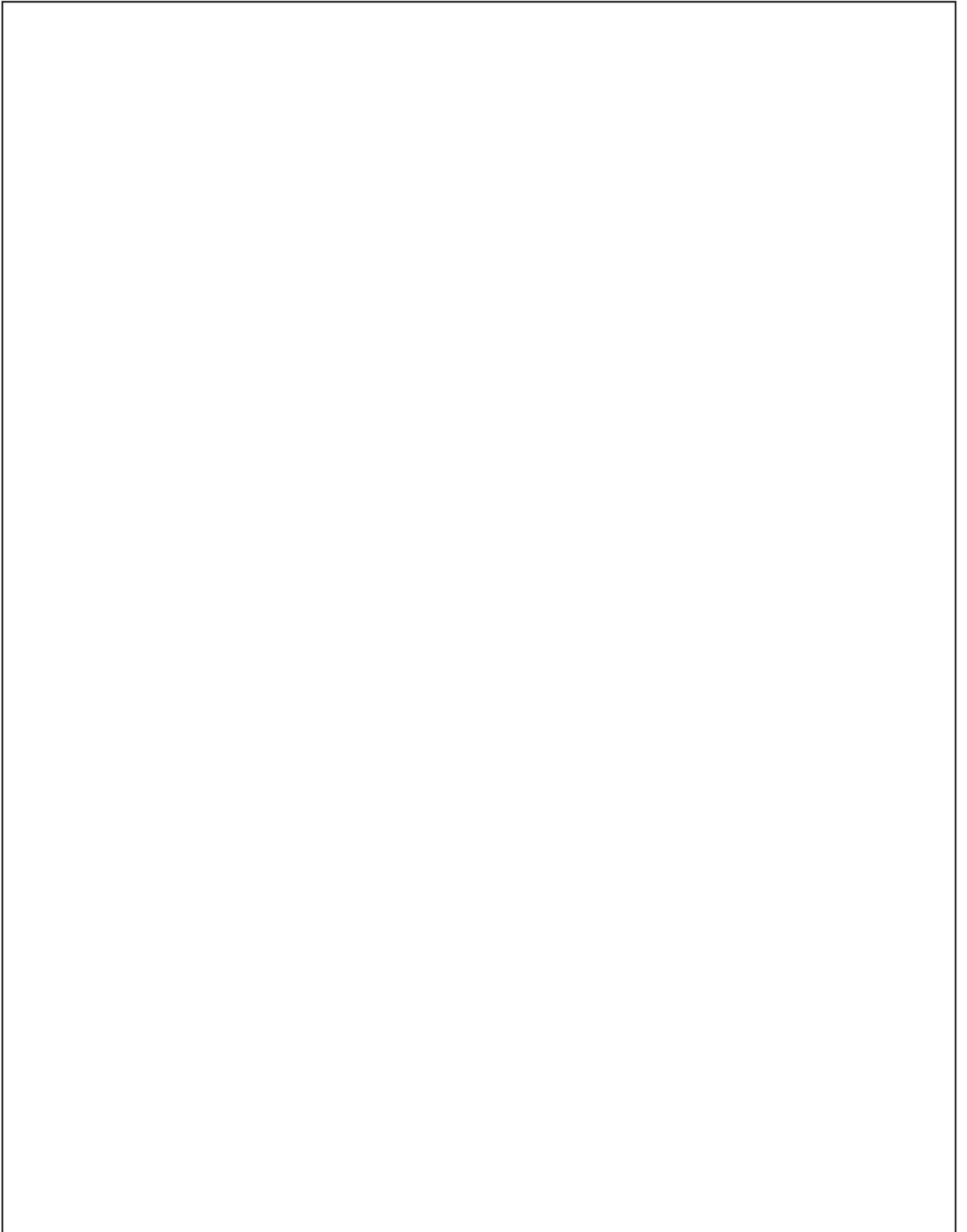
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## John 20:1-18

"On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she went running to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They've taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him!'

<sup>3</sup> At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then, following him, Simon Peter also came. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. <sup>7</sup> The wrapping that had been on his head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a separate place by itself. <sup>8</sup> The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then also went in, saw, and believed. <sup>9</sup> For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood outside the tomb, crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> She saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus's body had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, 'Woman, why are you crying?' 'Because they've taken away my Lord,' she told them, 'and I don't know where they've put him.' <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> 'Woman,' Jesus said to her, 'why are you crying? Who is it that you're seeking?' Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, 'Sir, if you've carried him away, tell me where you've put him, and I will take him away.'

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' Turning around, she said to him in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!'—which means 'Teacher.' <sup>17</sup> 'Don't cling to me,' Jesus told her, 'since I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them what he had said to her."



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In the Old Testament, perfect and spotless lambs had to be sacrificed to atone for human sin. Fast forward to the New Testament, and we see the Lamb of God, willingly shed His own blood as a once and for all sacrifice, taking away the sins of the world. Jesus had just been brutally beaten in a way most people would never survive, and still they crucified Him on a cross, fulfilling multiple prophecies from the Old Testament. His body was mutilated, yet not a bone was broken. Jesus finally took his last breath on that cross. After His death, He was taken to a tomb where He laid behind a large stone guarded by Roman soldiers.

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Today's story is unique and unlike any other. Typically when we pick up a biography and read it through, the end comes as no suprise with death and burial. But Jesus' story isn't finished at death. Being fully God and fully man, He continued with a miracle of resurrection from the dead three days after His burial. This true historical event is the climax of the gospel message and an essential doctrine in the Christian faith. Jesus' resurrection has even been proven true by non-Christian historians and eyewitnesses. This is a declaration that no other "god" in history can claim. The empty tomb is God's assurance to you that the full debt of your sins and the sins of the world have been paid.

*As you are listening today, be thinking of ways that the risen Lord has transformed your life.*



## KEY VERSE

### Matthew 28:6

"He is not here.  
For he has risen,  
just as he said.  
Come and see the  
place where he lay."

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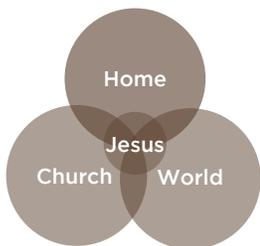
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to us and calls us  
by name

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is indeed alive and His  
tomb is empty is essential  
in knowing Him

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with our own grief and  
doubt, we can miss the pres-  
ence of Jesus in our lives

When we doubt or have  
questions, we can look to  
God's Word for answers

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**JOHN 21:1-18**

## RESURRECTION OF JESUS



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What do we learn about the people in this story based on their experiences at the tomb and encounter with the risen Christ?



What are some transformations taking place in this passage?

What is the importance in Jesus raising from the dead?

How have you allowed grief and doubt to get in the way of God working in and through you?



What are some ways that the risen Lord has transformed your life?

What about Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection is hard to grasp, knowing He did it just for you?



In what ways can you show and tell others about the miracle of being set free by Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection?

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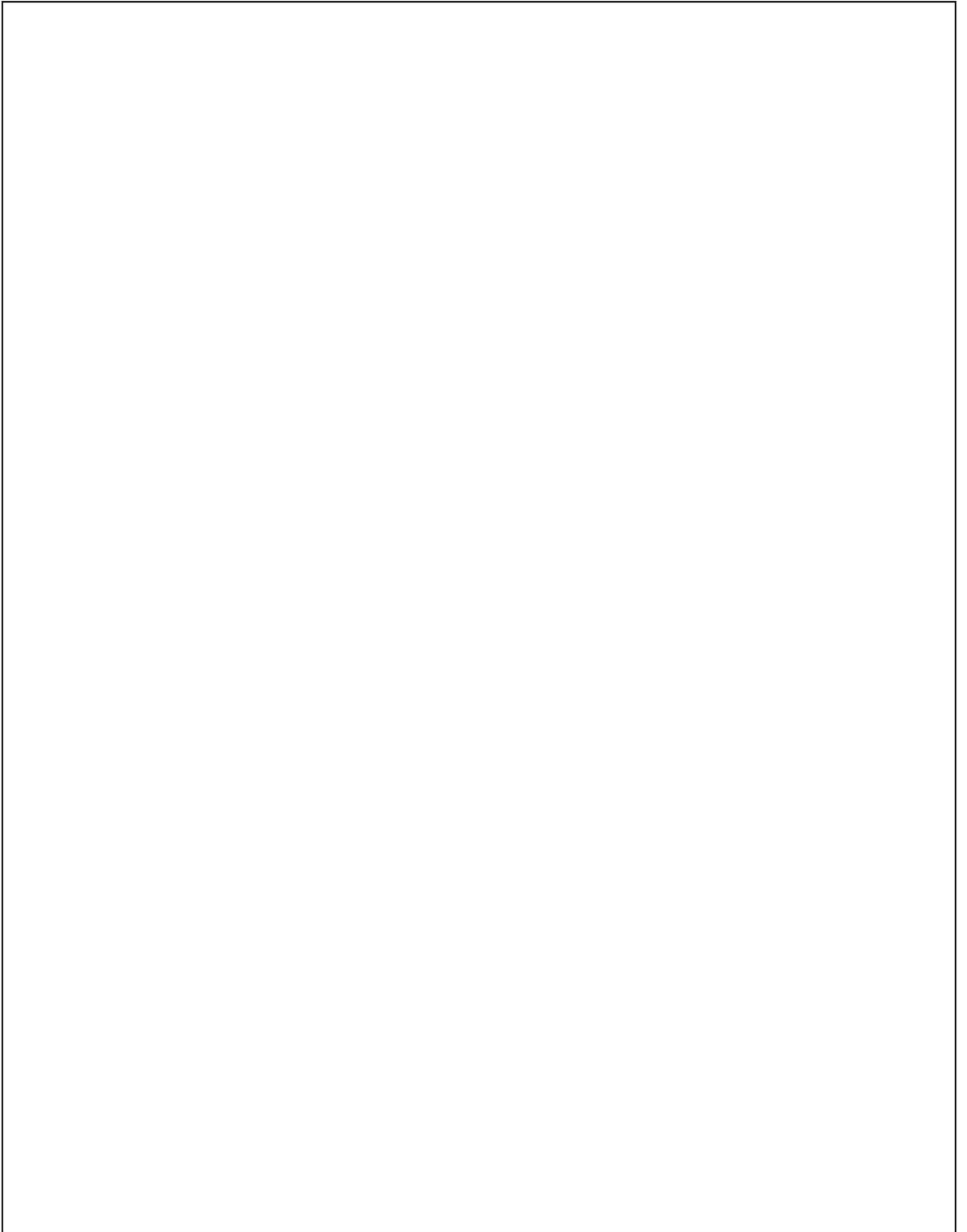
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**Psalm 19:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> The instruction of the Lord is perfect, renewing one's life; the testimony of the Lord is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise. <sup>8</sup> The precepts of the Lord are right, making the heart glad; the command of the Lord is radiant, making the eyes light up. <sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are reliable and altogether righteous. <sup>10</sup> They are more desirable than gold— than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> In addition, your servant is warned by them, and in keeping them there is an abundant reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who perceives his unintentional sins? Cleanse me from my hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Moreover, keep your servant from willful sins; do not let them rule me. Then I will be blameless and cleansed from blatant rebellion. <sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, Lord, my rock and my Redeemer."



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## Lets get started...

In the beginning of Psalm 19, David meditates on God's nature, realizing God's great power and his own limits. David reminds us that we are surrounded by God's craftsmanship, and that the heavens dramatically declare the evidence of His existence. Today we will focus on the second part of Psalm 19. This section targets God's Word and the importance of the Scripture. In Romans 1, Paul speaks of how all men know of God's existence because His nature proclaimed it but this does not rule out the need for His everlasting Word. God gives us His Word to explain to non-believers His love, mercy, grace, and plan of salvation. In this passage, David describes the Scriptures as a revival, bringing joy to our hearts, making us wise, and giving us insight to live righteously.

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God's Word is unique in that it is living and active. It speaks to the heart of every man. The same passage could speak completely different to you this week than it did last year, yet they're the exact same words. God uses many ways to speak to us. For example, He may use a song, a friend, or someone you've never met before. He uses circumstances, prayer, the Bible, and His Holy Spirit. Today, we will learn about how important the Bible, God's written Word, is to our lives and how it can change the lives of all those who choose to believe it.

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*As you are listening today, be thinking of recent ways God's Word has spoken to you personally.*

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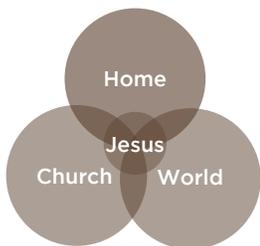
When you meditate on God's Word, ask Him to reveal what He is saying to you

When you hide God's Word in your heart, He is faithful to help you remember it

Share with others what God reveals to you through His Word

Don't just be a hearer of the Word, be a doer

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PSALM 19:7-14

THE WITNESS OF CREATION AND SCRIPTURE



For the following, use these questions or formulate your own.

What are some words this passage uses to describe the Scriptures?



What is said about keeping the ordinances of the Lord?

As a group, discuss the meaning of vs. 12-14.

Share how God's Word has spoken personally to you recently.



According to vs. 12-13, why is it important for us to confess our unintentional sins?

What are some sins that you commit unknowingly?



Make it a point this week to read God's Word daily and ask Him to reveal Himself to you. Let's be doers of His Word!

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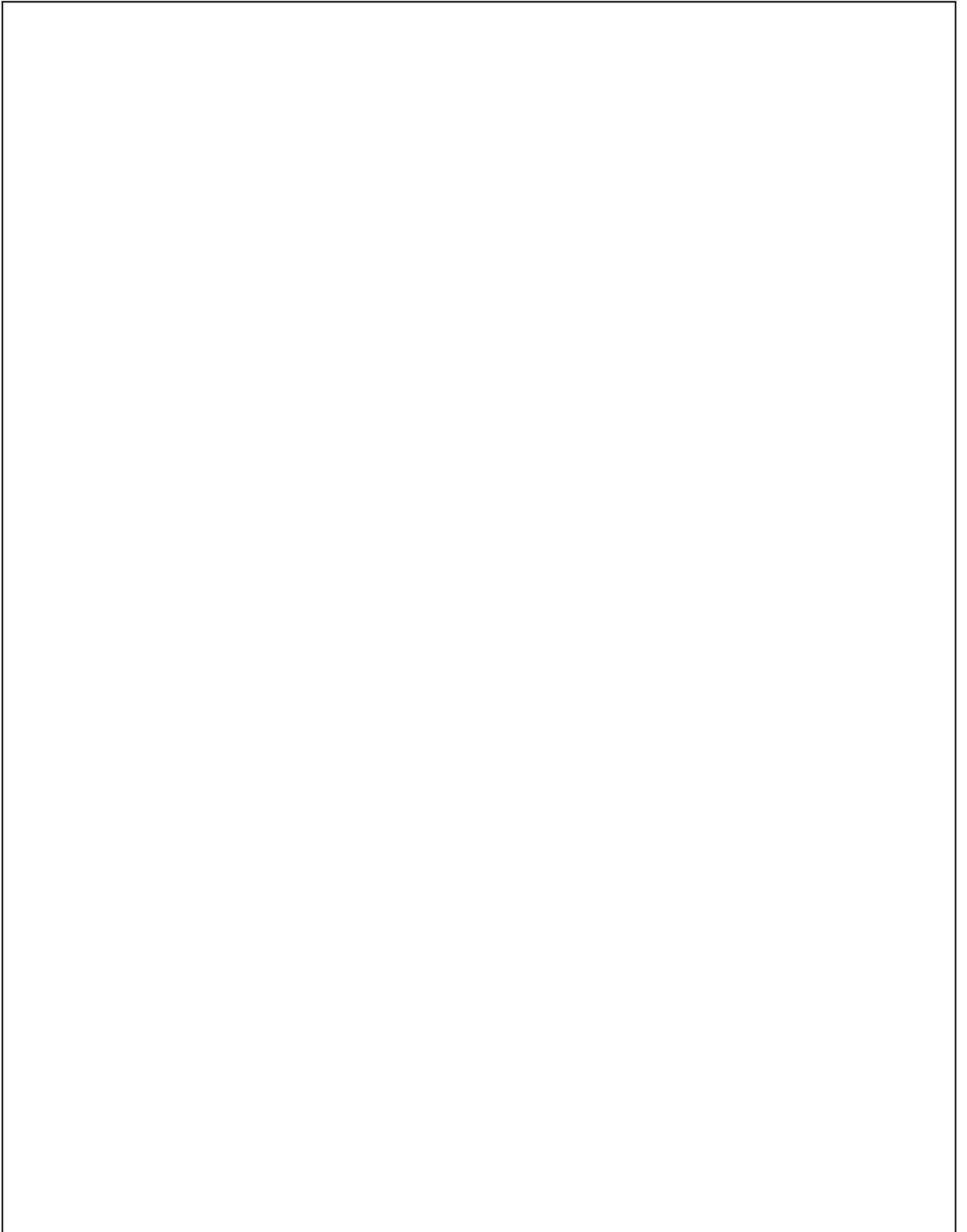
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Exodus 33:19-23; 34:6-8

**33** <sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, "Please, let me see your glory."

<sup>19</sup> He said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name 'the Lord' before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." <sup>20</sup> But he added, "You cannot see my face, for humans cannot see me and live." <sup>21</sup> The Lord said, "Here is a place near me. You are to stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and when my glory passes by, I will put you in the crevice of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take my hand away, and you will see my back, but my face will not be seen."

**34** <sup>6</sup> The Lord passed in front of him and proclaimed:

The Lord—the Lord is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth, <sup>7</sup> maintaining faithful love to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But he will not leave the guilty unpunished, bringing the fathers' iniquity on the children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation.

<sup>8</sup> Moses immediately knelt low on the ground and worshiped. "



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## Lets get started...

If you were to pick up your Bible and read the first words of the first chapter, you would find by no accident the core truth of our doctrine as believers: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." The most astonishing part about this verse is that God created everything out of nothing. This creation includes us! He created us in His image. But God didn't just stand back and let nature take its course. God, to this day, sustains and orchestrates all things. He uses anything and works it for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28). This means He is our sovereign Ruler, Boss, and Savior.

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There are so many attributes of God. He is our Creator, yes, but He is so much more than that. Some of His attributes include good, patient, faithful, holy, just, truthful, merciful, eternal, loving, righteous, compassionate, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, and never changing. This is just a short list of what makes up His character; however, for the sake of time we are going to focus on only a few. Today's passage is one of thousands in God's Word that shows us a small portion of His character. "God is not a concept or a doctrine. He is a Person who seeks a close, one-on-one relationship with you and me. God does not want us to merely believe in Him, He wants to relate to us on a personal level. He does not just want to hear us recite prayers. He wants to converse with us." (*Experiencing God, p.2, Henry & Richard Blackaby & Claude King.*) The more we spend time with God, the more we know Him. The more we know God, the more we understand His Will. The more we understand His Will, the more willing we are to see where He is working and join Him there.



*As you are listening today, be thinking of ways God reveals His glory, who He is, to you personally.*

## KEY VERSE

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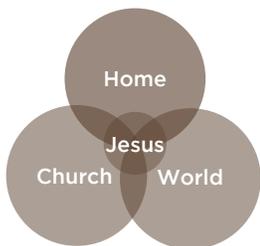
God’s love cannot be diminished

Reverence: deep respect for someone or something

God wants us to relate with Him on a personal level

Knowing God requires a relationship with God

Who’s your ONE?



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## EXODUS 33:19-23; 34:6-8 THE LORD’S GLORY

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What do we learn about being in God’s presence?



What does this passage teach us about God’s character?

How did Moses respond to God?

What does it mean to be reverent before God?



How do you show reverence or irreverence toward God?

What are some ways God reveals His glory (who He is) to you personally?



Think of some ways we talked about being reverent in today’s lesson and apply that in your time alone with God this week.

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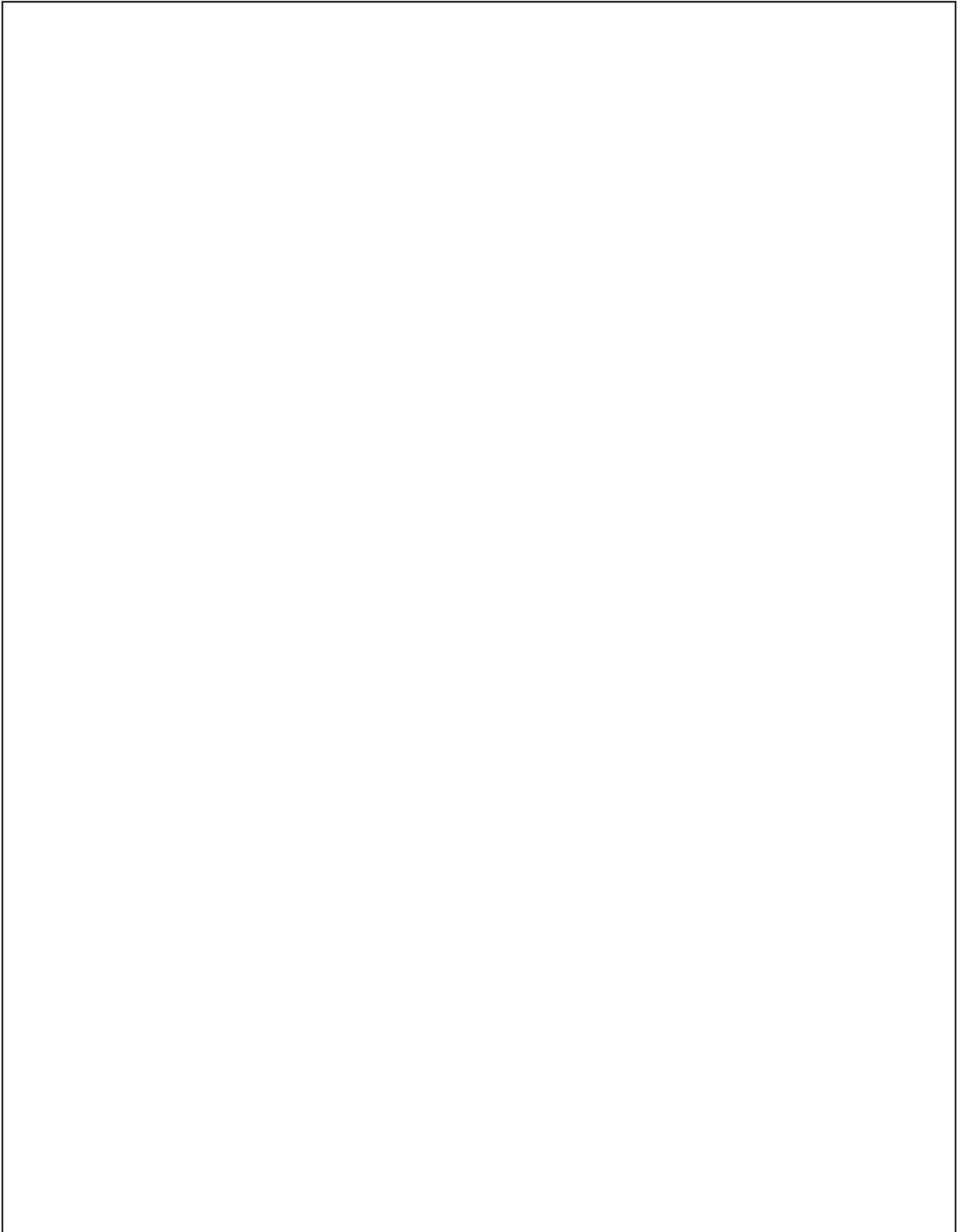
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**John 1:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him and exclaimed, 'This was the one of whom I said, "The one coming after me ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me."') <sup>16</sup> Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from his fullness, <sup>17</sup> for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side— he has revealed him. "



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CELEBRATION: Share how our last life group impacted your week?



## Lets get started...

At the beginning of creation, God knew every facet of eternity. Nothing surprised Him. He knew the first humans would sin, and He knew wickedness would overtake the earth, leading to the annihilation and rebuilding of the world. The Lord had a purpose for both the holy and the wicked leaders in power, and He fore-saw nations praising Him and denouncing Him. From the start, His plan was to send His son, Jesus, to this world at just the right time to be the ultimate sacrifice. Being fully God and fully man, He willingly left His father to be the redemptive Savior of all those who call on His name.

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Before Jesus came to earth as a man, the only way to atone for sin was to sacrifice a pure and spotless lamb on the altar before the Lord. When God sent His one and only Son, He lived a perfect and spotless life. But in order for God's redemptive story to play out, Jesus had to die a brutal and gruesome death and raise from the dead three days later - one, to fulfill prophesy from hundreds of years prior to Him coming and two, because He became the one and only way for us to stand redeemed before the Father in Heaven, allowing us to spend eternity with Him. When we begin drifting away from Jesus, we tend to become complacent and use the grace He gives us to go on sinning, looking less and less like Him. Paul put it perfectly in Romans 6:1-2, "1 What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? 2 Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it?"



*As you're listening, be thinking of ways you personally do not recognize Jesus in your life.*

## KEY VERSE

### John 1:1

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

WEEK 9  
MAY 12 - 18

TELL THE STORY: \_\_\_\_\_

Take it back a page and tell this story from God's Word as best as you can without teaching. You don't have to memorize it word for word. Try not to express opinions or make your own points. Just tell the story.

### JOHN 1:1-18

## THE WORD BECAME FLESH

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*For the following, use these questions or formulate your own.*

## SUMMARY

Jesus is fully God

Jesus is fully man

Grace comes from Jesus

Jesus is God's final Word

Who is "the Word"?



How old is Jesus according to this passage?

In this passage, what do the words describing Jesus tell us about Him?

Which attribute of Jesus speaks to you the most? Why?



Why was it important for Jesus to come as God in the flesh?

Like the world (vs. 10), what ways do you fail to recognize Jesus in your own life?



This week, pray for opportunities to boldly share about your relationship with Jesus to someone in your Life Circles.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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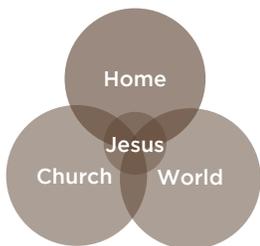
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CLOSING PRAYER: \_\_\_\_\_

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Who's your  
**ONE?**



LIFECIRCLES



REMEMBER TO GIVE OTHERS A PLACE TO PLAY NEXT LIFE GROUP



# COMPONENTS OF A LIFE GROUP

## WELCOME

- Makes new believers, visitors, and members feel valued and welcomed
- Begins with our phone calls, continues as they enter our homes, and until they leave
- Establishes a foundation for relationships
- Makes them aware of what's going on and brings focus

## OPENING PRAYER

- Invites God's Holy Spirit into our presence
- Prepares our hearts for what God has for us
- Shifts our attention from individual fellowship to the group

## PURPOSE

- Express the purpose of why we are meeting as a LIFE Group (to make disciples, reach the lost, connect the unconnected, etc.)
- Helps prepare our hearts and minds for the group
- Must be in alignment with Glen Meadows Vision and Mission

## GROUND RULES

- Establishes agreed upon boundaries for a healthy group
- Establishes a safe environment where everyone can share openly and honestly
- Provides biblical guidance for healthy conflict resolution

## ICEBREAKER

- Activity that sets the stage for transparency and trust
- Helps create a safe environment and levels the playing field
- May involve low-risk participation
- Game, Testimony, Question, etc
- Celebrating the "wins" and what God is doing through our group

## TOPIC/STORY

- This is the "meat" of the group
- Story from God's Word

## CLOSING PRAYER

- Re-Focuses our attention to God and His provision
- Personal requests, Group needs, Praise God

## PLACES TO PLAY

- Providing others with opportunities to lead by assigning them with components, builds confidence, and models servant leadership and reproducibility



# GROUND RULES

## **WHY GROUND RULES?**

Many of us find ourselves cringing when the subject of rules come up. Rules can often indicate limits or restrictions that impede our desired actions. The ground rules we will abide by are specifically designed to give freedom rather than restrictions. It is our desire that through effective ground rules each person will feel the freedom to share from their hearts, feel the assurance of confidence, and experience a group willing to listen. When interacting as a group, we can find ourselves checking out or shutting down for the smallest of reasons. Being aware of our impact on each other is paramount for a safe environment.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY IS KEY:**

We will all do our part to create an environment where everyone can be real, open, and honest with our struggles and victories. What is said in the group stays in the group.

## **NO FIXING OTHERS:**

Try to hear what people are sharing without trying to fix them. If they want your advice, they'll ask for it. If people think that as soon as they share a problem or issue everyone is going to immediately try to fix them (offer advice/solutions), often they simply won't share at all.

## **LISTEN & PAUSE**

Let's value one another during the discussions by really listening to what is being shared. Don't think about what you're going to say next or how you're going to respond; really listen. After someone shares, give a pause to allow the group to feel the weight of what is being shared and fully consider it before the next person shares. This pause also gives the person time to reflect a little deeper while continuing to share more. Remember, SILENCE IS OK. It gives time for reflection and others to begin sharing.

## **DON'T RESCUE:**

When people are sharing something deeply personal and painful, there can be a tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or the situation. Often this will cause people to stop sharing and result in not going as deep as they intended. Resist the temptation to rescue people. We must be sensitive to what the Holy Spirit is doing in their life.

## **USE "I" STATEMENTS:**

It's easy to talk about the issues of others; in LIFE Groups we will use "I" statements. We will try to avoid words such as "them," "the church," "us," "we," "he/she," etc. Using "I" statements helps us to focus on what God is doing in our lives and gives us opportunity to self-reflect. This allows maximum potential for effectual change in our lives.

## **NO CROSS TALK:**

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations, texting, or phone calls. Cross talk devalues the person sharing and communicates that they are not as important as what you may be doing. (Be sensitive to those with cell phones—kids, family issues, on-call at work). Remember, when going over the Ground Rules in your group, give those who may be on-call or have children the opportunity to communicate that they may need to take a call or text during group.

## **STAY ON TOPIC:**

Much time and prayer is put into the determination of the biblical direction our church is headed. We must value the importance of that direction in taking it to a heart level in our LIFE Groups during the week. In addition, LIFE Group leaders prepare according to this direction and the topic for each lesson. Rabbit trails may devalue the unity as well as what the Lord is doing in our church body. In honoring each individuals time & schedules, please try to stay on topic with every group question. Rabbit trails can also add time to the end of the LIFE Group and does not honor others in our group who may need to get to their families and/or may need rest for the next day's busy schedule.

## **ALLOW OTHERS TO TALK:**

We all have a story or response to share, making it important that we value each other during LIFE Group. Sometimes we may find ourselves overtalking out of nervousness or even habit. However, to honor each person and their time, we must do our part by keeping our own talk time limited and to the point, giving each person an opportunity to interact.

## ICEBREAKER QUESTION IDEAS: (QUICK ONES ARE IN BOLD)

1. **What was your first job?**
2. Tell of a memorable time of cooking in the kitchen?
3. **Act out your favorite animal in 10 seconds.**
4. **What was your favorite pet growing up?**
5. Say a line from your favorite movie (see if group can guess it).
6. Share of an interesting encounter with a police officer.
7. **What is the weirdest job you've ever had?**
8. **What is your worst habit?**
9. **If you could be any item in the grocery store what would you be?**
10. What is your middle name and the meaning behind it?
11. Share of an encounter you had with a famous person.
12. What was your favorite hangout as a teenager?
13. Act out your favorite scene in a movie.
14. What is the worst meal you've ever made?
15. **What is one non-living item you can't live without?**
16. **If you could only eat one thing for dinner (breakfast or lunch), for the rest of your life what would it be?**
17. **What's the last song you listened to?**
18. **Share of two words that describe you best.**
19. What is your biggest phobia?
20. If you were in the Olympics, what sport would it be for?
21. What is one moment in your life that has defined you?
22. **If you could only have one of your five senses, which one would it be?**
23. Share of a time when you laughed at an inappropriate time.
24. (pt 1) If you knew one non-family member had one week to live, what would you do with them? (pt 2) What is keeping you from doing that with them now?
25. If you could be a fly on a wall, where would you most want to be?
26. **What is your favorite soda?**
27. **If you were a magazine, which one would you be?**
28. **If you could be a fictitious superhero, who would you be? Or what super power would you most want?**
29. Greatest peer pressure as an adult?
30. **What is your favorite music genre?**
31. How do you react when people sing "Happy Birthday" to you in a restaurant?
32. When did you last sing to yourself? To someone else?
33. **Who is your favorite singer?**
34. **What is your favorite musical instrument?**
35. What is at the top of your bucket list?
36. How would you describe God to a child?
37. What color best describes you and why?
38. What was the high point of last week? The low point?
39. **What one word would be your theme for the year?**
40. Name one person who has had the biggest impact in your life and why?
41. **If I could visit any place in the world, it would be...**
42. If I had a million dollars to spend for the benefit of mankind...
43. The thing that causes me the greatest satisfaction is...
44. What is your favorite memory as a child?
45. Share something you fear.
46. What's your most embarrassing moment?
47. What would you do with an extra free day off of work?
48. Where would you go if you could go anywhere in the world?
49. **If you could become an animal for one day, which one would it be?**
50. **What is one secret place in your house that you only clean on special occasions (like mother-in-law visiting)?**
51. If you knew your time was cut short, what's one thing you'd change about the way you are now living?
52. If you could be famous, what would you be famous for?
53. If you could go back in time and not return, what would you try to accomplish even if you knew you might change the course of history?
54. If someone were to write a book about you, what do you think the title and theme would be?
55. If your animals could talk, what would they tell you?
56. Which emoji best describes you and why?
57. **What was the make / model / year / color of your first car?**
58. What's your biggest pet peeve?
59. **What's your first name and an adjective that starts with the same first letter, that best describes you? (ie: Carl:Caring)**
60. Favorite Christmas Carol and why?
61. If you could have coffee with anyone in the history of ever, who would it be and why?

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# ADDITIONAL NOTES / PRAYER REQUESTS

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