

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **September 14, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "Of Future Days, Part 1."
Please read the sermon passage (Daniel 2:1-30) together out loud.

Life Group Questions (Daniel 2:1-30)

Sermon Outline:

GOD'S REVEALED TRUTH IS . . .

1. **Disruptive, affecting the lives of unbelievers and believers collectively.** (1-16)
 - a. God will graciously trouble people to open their minds and ears to his voice.
 - b. Believers are marginalized, neutralized and "privatized" until trouble comes.
 - c. God's people may be sought out when trouble comes to a culture or society.
2. **Impactful, prompting believers to seek God's will prayerfully.** (17-23)
 - a. Pray that God intervenes with grace.
 - b. A small group of righteous pray-ers can bring God's blessing.
3. **Empowering, equipping believers to connect present and future instructively.** (24-30)
 - a. Daniel is miraculously given both the dream and its interpretation.
 - b. Daniel is careful to give God the credit and the glory for what has occurred.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: So far the book of Daniel has been full of bad news: Daniel is taken from his family against his will to Babylon, has had to stand for his faith almost alone, and now faces death because others cannot interpret the dream of a troubled king. How is this gracious?
2. Based on #1, above: When we are in the midst of dark days, our eyes cannot see grace clearly. How might God use the darkest cloud in your life right now for eternal good? How has he used past dark clouds for good?
3. Based on #2, above: What have your darkest clouds taught you about prayer?
4. Based on #2, above: Daniel asked his closest friends to pray for the interpretation of the dream (Dan 2:17-18). Who would you ask to beseech heaven for you in your darkest moment? Who would ask you to pray for them? Have you ever seen God directly answer a prayer? Discuss.
5. Based on #3, above: Daniel was careful to give God the glory for the miraculous understanding of the content and interpretation of the dream. Are you careful to give God glory when you re-tell stories of answered prayer? After you pray about a matter, do you carefully take note of what God does? Do you keep a prayer journal? Discuss.