

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **September 21, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "Of Future Days, Part 2."  
Please read the sermon passage (Daniel 2:31-49) together out loud.

### Life Group Questions (Daniel 2:31-49)

#### Sermon Outline:

IN GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY . . .

1. **Earthly kingdoms and earthly kings are all temporary.** (31-43)
  - a. God sets and ordains the times of every kingdom. Every detail is settled.
  - b. Remain faithful to God in the midst of the advancement of godless nations.
  - c. Faithfulness in dark days produce warnings for pagan kings and kingdoms.
  - d. Faithfulness in dark days produces encouragement for God's people.
2. **God's kingdom has been established and will endure forever.** (44-45)
  - a. The arrival of his own kingdom was predicted with specificity hundreds of years prior to its arrival. That which was prophesied (2:44) comes to pass in Luke 2:1.
  - b. Jesus arrived "in the days of those kings."
  - c. God's kingdom is not like the other earthly kingdoms. It is a rock cut by "no human hand."
  - d. God's kingdom is unstoppable, permanent and will endure forever and ever.
  - e. We are faithful as we submit to God's kingdom in the midst of earthly kingdoms.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God raised up a foreign king to discipline Israel. This removed Israel from the land of promise. Is God good when hard and bad things to his people around the world? Is he good when hard and bad things happen to you? Discuss.
2. Based on #1, above: Daniel and his friends did not pray that the King would be overthrown or that Israel would be restored to the land of promise. They prayed that God would give Daniel the content and interpretation of the king's dream so that their lives would be spared. They willingly served (and prayed for!) a pagan king in a foreign land. How is this instructive to you?
3. Based on #2, above: God has fulfilled his promise to establish his kingdom in Jesus Christ. We are living in the midst of God's real and present kingdom right now. How does this reality encourage your heart? Does this truth produce joy in your heart?
4. Based on #2, above: The king's troubling dream gave Daniel an opportunity to talk to him about God's kingdom. When your friends face troubling situations, are you faithful to talk about the reality of God's kingdom? How can we be praying for you?
5. Based on #2, above: God's kingdom can be seen in the midst of all earthly kingdoms as we, his people, refuse to defile ourselves, and as we serve earthly kings "as unto the Lord." Do you think your friends sense God's kingdom as you serve "the king" of the land? Why/why not?