

# DANIEL

LIVING AS STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND

## MISSIONAL COMMUNITY GUIDE

### WEEK 8: DANIEL Chapter 7

#### DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to process through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What do I do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

**Scripture: Daniel 7:1-15**

*QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?*

#### NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. What does apocalypse mean? How should apocalyptic literature be interpreted differently than other types of literature in the Bible?
2. Josh spoke a lot about "easter eggs" being scattered throughout the book of Daniel, how do these easter eggs effect how we understand the book. For examples, compare Daniel 2:37-38 with Genesis 1:26-27; Daniel 4:10-12 and Genesis 2:8-9 and Revelation 21:1-2; and Daniel 4:28-33 with Genesis 3:17-18.
3. Read Genesis 4:6-8 and Daniel 4:28-33 and discuss the dehumanizing effects of sin.
4. In what ways have you allowed sin to make you less than human?
5. How does the gospel make us truly human again? See 2 Corinthians 3:18.

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. For instance, someone may be experiencing a great deal of dryness or emptiness in their relationship with God. They may need to be reminded that God wants to satisfy the deep thirst of their soul with the living water that Jesus has to offer. The call to repent may look like turning away (repent) from empty sources or corrupt sources that they have been depending upon and turning to Jesus (believe) to be the unending supply of soul water. Use this time for confessing out loud the wrong sources and calling out in prayer for God the Father to pour His love into their hearts through his Spirit as they turn to Jesus for help.

*QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel (what will you begin to do to START LIVING LIKE YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS TRUE)?*

## **ACT**

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act as a missional community on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

1. What sins are crouching at your door? How can your missional community help protect you from falling victim to the beast of sin?
2. How can your missional community be a display of true humanity to the world around you?
3. What steps will you take to be transformed together as a missional community into the perfect humanity of Jesus?
4. Who do you need to pray for right now and who might God be leading you to share good news about Jesus?

*QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?*