

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church
Daniel – God Is in Control
Daniel's Comfort and Vision
Daniel 10-11



Big Idea

God Longs to Provide You with Peace Through His Promises of Current and Future Events!

1. A distraught mind should be countered with intense prayer.
2. God fights holy wars on our behalf and he will be victorious.
3. We do our best to understand divine intent but our hope is grounded in faith.

Introduction

From the sermon series on the book of Daniel over the past weeks, what is one thing that you have learned and been able to apply to your life?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read Daniel 10:1-11:1

Describe Daniel's experience in verses 1-10. Why might Daniel have been mourning (vs 2)?
What do we learn about Daniel from this account?

How does Daniel react to the vision? Why might encountering God or his representative evoke this response? Compare or contrast Daniel's reaction with the others present.

Why do you think Daniel was considered “highly esteemed” by the angel of God (vs 11)? What can we learn about prayer from Daniel’s experience here? How does the angel reassure Daniel? What might we learn about God’s care for us from this experience?

The conversation with the angel gives us a sense of a greater battle going on in the heavenly realms between God and Satan (vs 13, 20). How might a glimpse of this battle motivate us in our Christian lives?

Quickly read through **11:2-35** on your own.

From these sequences of nations, what do we learn about human behavior and heart? What does this detail (*this prophecy was perfectly fulfilled, as recorded in history, over 375 years from Alexander the Great through Antiochus IV*) tell us about God and his involvement with human history? His care for his people?

Quickly read **11:36-12:4** on your own. Here the prophesy takes a turn toward the far future, the end times.

Describe what the rhythms of life might be like during these times. What does this tell us of the human heart?

What is the final outcome for God’s people (vs 1)? How is this described (vs. 2-3)? How can this glimpse into the future motivate us to live Godly lives? Comfort us during trials?

Next Steps

In light of the example of the impact of Daniel's prayer life, this week pray with a renewed sense of purpose and urgency.

In light of the spiritual battles being waged, read through Ephesians 6:10-20.

Identify one person that you can encourage this week with the truth of God's care and comfort of his people.

Prayer

Thank God for his control over human events and care for his people! Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.