

What to do When the World Spins Out of Control

Faithful: A Study in the Life of Daniel

August 8, 2021

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Context:

This week we cross the half-way point in the book of Daniel where the book takes a turn. Where the first half of Daniel detailed events of Daniel's *life*, from chapter 7 thru chapter 12 the book details several visions given to Daniel.

Chapter 7 is a fascinating vision of four beasts representing four kings and their kingdoms. Chapter 7 corresponds to chapter 2 and the dream given to Nebuchadnezzar of the statue, and points toward the coming of Jesus also detailed in Matthew 24 and Revelation 21. Daniel's visions are a genre of Scripture known as Hebrew apocalyptic which involves intense imagery of strange creatures and involves the revelation or appearing of Christ at the end of the age.

Key Scripture -

Daniel 7

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?**

2. Why is it important to think about the coming of Jesus?

3. How would Daniel's vision help him live a faithful life in captivity? How can it inform how you live in light of Jesus' second coming?

4. Who, in your life, can you reach out to this week who is nervous about the developments with COVID? What hope can you offer them from Daniel 7?

AS A GROUP PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH

1. Please ask God to provide for our financial needs coming out of Covid-19. Please pray for giving in the amount of \$29,000 per week so we can fully fund our missionaries, give the staff the resources it needs, and continue to make Jesus known. COVID has caused a slow start in the area of tithing and we need God to help us.
2. Please pray that God will bless the process of starting a Ridgewood Church Pre-School, and that we might begin registering families by January of 2022.
3. Go before God and pray for 25 new believers by the end of 2021. God can do anything. The world needs Jesus. There's nothing more important than this!

