

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 6

enduring hope

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

CONNECT

- What's one high point and one low point from the past week?
- When you think back on movies you've seen, what's one really scary creature that comes to mind?
- Do you think parents should try and leave large inheritances to their children? Why or why not?

RECAP

Here's an overview of the main ideas from the sermon.

MAIN THEMES

Big Idea: In the age of the beast the faithful will suffer, but God will make the beast's realm their reward.

Christ-Connect: Jesus is the Son of Man who has already moved through suffering and was raised to reign.

Application: We must fix our eyes on the meaning of God's vision for Daniel to empower our faithfulness in suffering.

READ & DISCUSS

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Daniel 7:2-8, 19-21

DISCUSS

When reading Bible passages like this one, it's important to focus on what the the passage emphasizes, and not to get distracted by the guessing game of which beast represents which empire in history. Two things are clearly in focus: 1) the pride and brutality of the beasts; 2) the saints who bear the brunt of their brutality. Why do you think Christians bear the brunt of proud worldly empires?

READ & DISCUSS

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Daniel 7:25–27

DISCUSS

Christians will suffer, but the beast will be judged. And what happens after is fascinating—the saints receive dominion over the territory once held by the beast. In what ways can this promise encourage you when you face opposition because of your faithfulness to Jesus?

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Daniel 7:13,14 / Mark 9:12-13

REFLECT

The idea of reigning in the new heavens and new earth might be hard to wrap your mind around, but in these verses we see the reason for believing it. Jesus is the Son of Man who already passed through suffering and was raised to reign by the Father. Those who faithfully follow him through suffering will also be raised to reign.

PRAYER

Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 two or three times slowly. Spend time meditating on Jesus' suffering and resurrection. Pray that God's kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you read your Bible and prayed consistently the past week?
- Who is one lost person you're praying would come to faith?



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