



INTRODUCTION

Daniel is in mourning for three weeks because of the state of his people. God sends a message to Daniel which helps us see the bigger picture and endure with hope the inevitable disappointments and trials in our lives.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's Word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest takeaway from the sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Daniel 12:1-4**.
- What circumstances led to God sending this message to Daniel?
- What do we know about this "time of trouble" in verse 1a?
- How does one's name get "written in the book" of verse 1b?
- List similarities and differences between the two destinies described in verse 2.
- Describe ways that Daniel acted wisely and turned many to righteousness. (v. 3)
- What did God intend by "shut up the words and seal the book" in verse 4?

APPLICATION

- When have you been disappointed by something you were hoping in?
- Have you experienced times of trouble? Or know someone currently experiencing trouble?
- Did this message to Daniel encourage you to be faithful or give you hope? If so, how?
- Is your name "written in the book?" What had to happen to make that possible?
- What are you most looking forward to about eternity?
- How does Jesus' life, death, and resurrection give us hope to endure?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- Is there any sin you should confess in light of this passage?
- Are there any other prayer needs?