



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**October 31, 2021**

**Daniel 7:1-28**

**“The Saints of the Most High Shall Receive the Kingdom”**

## QUESTIONS

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

1. In Daniel 7, we see a shift in literary genre from narrative to apocalyptic. What are some of the characteristics of this apocalyptic genre reflected in chapter 7?
  - o How does Daniel retain the same themes and message we have seen in the previous six chapters, in light of this shift in genre?
2. In Daniel 7:1-8, we see a vision of four beasts. What do these beasts represent? What do verses 11 and 12 teach us about God’s sovereignty and ultimate victory over these forces of evil?
3. Read through the description of the Ancient of Days in Daniel 7:9-10. What imagery concerning the Lord stands out in these verses?
  - o How does the reality of a coming judgment (v. 10) offer hope to Daniel? How does this build our trust in God?
4. Reflect on the description of the Son of Man in verses 13-14. Why is it significant that Jesus ascribes this title to himself in the gospel accounts? How does Daniel 7:13-14 act as a continuation to the events of Acts 1:9?
  - o How do these passages affect our response to Jesus and our worship of Him today?
5. The latter half of Daniel 7 gives the repeating encouragement that “the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever” (v. 18, 22, 27). What is the significance of this refrain?
  - o Reflecting on the reality of this everlasting kingdom, how does this impact our relationships this side of eternity?
6. Daniel 7 teaches us that God has won and will win, but the war is not yet over. What are some of the difficulties of living in an already-not-yet period of history as we await Christ’s return?
  - o How does the truth of Daniel 7 wake us up from our tendency toward passivity?