



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

November 14, 2021

Daniel 9:1-27

“Pleas for Mercy”

QUESTIONS

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

1. Daniel 9:1-2 shows us that Daniel’s prayer life was informed by the Word of God and that God’s promises are an invitation for us to pray to Him. How can we have a prayer life that is built around God’s Word?
 - What are some verses or promises from Scripture that shape your prayer life?
2. Even though the book of Daniel extols the sovereignty of God, it does not give God’s people an excuse to be passive. How does the reality of God’s sovereign rule encourage our acts of obedience and prayerful dependence on Him?
3. In Daniel 9:3-14 we see that confession has two elements – confessing the wrong we have done and confessing true things about God and ourselves. What is the significance of both types of confession in prayer?
 - How do declarations about God’s character and our nature inform the way we confess our sins?
4. It can be tempting to question our need to confess our sins to the Lord, since we have already been justified before Him. How does the Bible confront this improper mindset?
 - What are some other reasons why we should confess our sins to the Lord each and every day?
5. Daniel’s plea encourages us to repent with honest biblical language. Read through verses 3-19 and reflect on the language Daniel uses to describe his and Israel’s sin. What words stand out to you from this passage regarding sin?
 - What are some non-biblical words/phrases we can use to excuse the magnitude of our sin?
 - What is the value in having a biblical language of repentance in our confession to God and to one another?
6. Verses 20-23 demonstrate that God hears and answers our prayers. How does the reality of God’s attentiveness to our prayers encourage us as we cultivate a rich and consistent life of intercession?
7. In the concluding verses of Daniel 9, God shows how His plan for redemption was far greater than merely seeing the people of God return from Babylon. How can we stir our hearts to daily reflect on the finished work of Christ and His ultimate return?
 - What are some lesser desires or pursuits that can distract us from our awareness of God’s ultimate plan?