

— weekly — STUDY GUIDE

INTEGRATED BIBLE ENGAGEMENT

DAILY TRIUMPH Week 7

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Introduction

Welcome to the Study Guide for our series in Daniel called Daily Triumph. We are committed as a church to something we call "Integrated Bible and Prayer Engagement," and each week our Study Guide will reflect that commitment. This means we have the opportunity to engage in studying the Bible and praying in an integrated fashion. We engage and pray in a setting by ourselves through our Personal Time section. We engage and pray in a setting in our home through our Table Conversation section. We engage and pray in a setting in our groups through our In Community section. Then, we engage and pray in a setting at our campus through our worship service where we can record things God is showing us in the Notes section. These four opportunities create integrated Bible and prayer engagement, and they help God's Word take deeper and deeper root into our hearts and lives.

Personal Time

READ DANIEL 7

What stood out to you from this passage? Why?

READ DANIEL 7:9-10

How does Daniel's image of "The Ancient One" differ from the way you normally think about God?

READ DANIEL 7:13-14 AND MARK 14:62-64

How does the image of the "one like a son of man" in Daniel impact your understanding of Jesus' words and the response of the council?

Personal Time Continued...

READ DANIEL 7:21-22, 25-27

Use your imagination to consider what your neighborhood (or nation) would look like if God's holy people were "being Jesus in every neighborhood in our city." What would be different?

PRAY

Daniel had a vision about God's kingdom replacing evil rulers. Pray for specific ways that you want God's kingdom to come to your neighborhood, your city, and beyond.

Table Conversation

DISCUSS

Use these prompts to spark a series of table conversations this week, or cover them all in one sitting, whatever works best for your family.

READ AND DISCUSS

- Read Daniel 7:1. Daniel rose to prominence as he interpreted the dreams of kings, but this time he's the one who had the strange dream. Why do you think God sent this dream to Daniel?
- Read Daniel 7:2-14. What similarities do you see between Daniel's dream about the four beasts and King Nebuchadnezzar's dream about the statue in Daniel 2:31-35?
- Read Daniel 7:13-14. What do we learn about God from this scripture? Who is the "son of man"? Who is the "Ancient of Days"? How do they work together to defeat the kingdoms of this world?
- Read Daniel 7:18. How do you feel about knowing the end of the world's story? How does this knowledge change your reaction to the rest of the dream?
- Read Daniel 7:21-22. If you could jump through the pages of history to encourage one of the Christians being attacked by the fourth beast, what would you tell them? Is there someone you know who would benefit from that same encouragement today?

PRAY

Read John 16:33 and remember God will emerge victorious. Ask God to prepare you for what is to come. Pray for Christians around the world who are enduring intense persecution. Ask God to give them the courage and strength they need to remain faithful.

In Community

READ

READ Daniel 7:1-28

DISCUSS

- What insight from your personal time would you like to share with the group?
- Read Daniel 7:15, 28. Have you ever had a dream you thought was weird but might have a specific meaning? Tell the group about the dream.
- Read Jude 1:25. Read Daniel 7:9-14. Which passage gives you a clearer understanding of God? Why?
- The people of God have often experienced persecution through powers at work in the world.
How would this vision encourage anyone facing persecution?
- What is your biggest takeaway from your integrated Bible and prayer engagement with Daniel 7?

PRAY

Spend a few moments praying for those believers who are facing persecution today. Also, continue to pray for those who are not yet a part of your group who may want to join you. Finally, make sure to pray for your neighbors by name!

Notes