

Daniel 9 - Moving the Heart of God Small Group Work Sheet February 10, 2013

Part 1 - Ice Breaker

- 1. What was your favorite chili from the cook off over lunch?
- 2. Today we enjoyed four baptisms. Share about your baptism. Where were you when you went public for Jesus? How old were you?



Part 2 - Sermon Review

- 1. Read Daniel 9:3. Why did Daniel pray with fasting, sackcloth and ashes? What would it look like to pray this kind of prayer today (we don't have sackcloth and ashes)?
- 2. Read Jeremiah 29:11. We often see this verse on postcards and wall plaques. Does this verse apply to everyone that reads it?
- 3. Have you ever fallen into the trap of lacking a desire to pray because you thought it wouldn't make a difference? How did this chapter change your thoughts about the importance of prayer to change the future?
- 4. Of the four mentioned ingredients in Daniel's prayer (specific confession, acknowledging the rightness of God's discipline, acknowledging the stubbornness of our own heart, asking for mercy for the fame of God's name not our own), which one do you typically neglect?
- 5. Read Leviticus 26:40-45; 2 Chronicles 7:14. What were the conditions of answered prayer that Daniel incorporated into his Daniel 9 prayer?
- 6. Read Ezra 1:1-4. Did God answer Daniel's prayer beyond his expectations?
- 7. Read Exodus 32:7-14; James 5:16. On more than one occasion, it was the prayer of a single righteous man that saved a nation. Don't be discouraged if you find yourself praying alone!

Part 3 - Digging Deeper - Hanukkah

- 8. What additional ingredients were in Daniel's prayer that we didn't study?
- 9. Read 2 Chronicles 36:20-21. Why did the exile last 70 years? What can we learn from this?

