

## Daniel 9 Discussion Questions

- In this chapter, Daniel recalls God's promise in Jeremiah to deliver His people from exile after 70 years. If that is a future certainty, why does Daniel pray for it anyway? How should this inform the way we pray for things God has already promised?
- In explaining prophecy, Wesley noted that we can see the mountain peaks ahead, but the distance between them is often unclear. In other words, we are told the future, but the exact timeline isn't clear. If the timeline is unclear, what is the purpose of texts like this?
- Daniel prayed a prayer of repentance for his people, not just himself. Why is it important that we confess our sin both as individuals and as a body? How should the sins of others in the church weigh on us?
  - How does confession renew our relationship with God?
- In verse 8, Daniel appeals not to his people's righteousness but to God's mercy alone. How should God's mercy inform the way we approach Him?
  - What is one way you've known His mercy this week?
- Daniel prayed for immediate restoration, but God revealed a longer timeline. When have you prayed for something quickly but realized God was working on a bigger plan?
  - How does knowing that God works on His timeline rather than ours change the way you handle waiting?

- In v. 24, the angel gives 6 purposes for the 70 weeks. Reflect on each one. How do they each connect to the work of Christ?
- At this time, Israel is in exile because of their sin. The Anointed One will later die to pay for their sin. What is sin, and why does it require a penalty?
  - Why is sin such a big deal to God—but often a small deal to us?
  - What habits help you stay aware of sin in your life without becoming discouraged or hopeless?
- The passage points to the coming of the Anointed One (the Messiah). How does seeing Jesus foretold in the Old Testament strengthen your faith?