

Daniel 7 Discussion Questions

- In Daniel' vision, the four beasts represent powerful earthly empires. What characteristics of these beasts show us how God views earthly empires?
- Ben said, "As good as the world can be, it's still organized around pride." In what ways do modern societies still operate with a "beastly" mentality?
- Ben defined worldliness as "loving the world's approval more than the presence of God." Has this ever been a tendency in your own life? How so?
- Why is the presence of God better than the world's embrace? How can we reset our hearts each day to treasure God's approval over man's?
- What stands out to you about the description of the Ancient of Days? What does the courtroom scene teach us about God's authority?
- How does your heart respond to the prospect of "the books" being opened on your life? Why?
- If the court scene is one of judgment, how can sinners stand before a holy God?
- The "Son of Man" comes on the clouds with authority. Why is it so shocking for Jesus to apply this title to Himself (Mark 14:62)?
- How should this scene of Him riding on the clouds shape our perspective when evil seems to be winning?

- Why is it important that God's kingdom is *given* to His people rather than built by them?
- What's the difference between Christianity as advice and Christianity as good news?