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Foundation for Seeking the Kingdom - Daniel 8

HOPE: He Holds the Future

HOPE: He Hears the Repentant

HOPE: He Rewards the Faithful

Summary - Daniel 1-7

*Commitment to being UNDEFILED in your life is necessary.

*Faith that holds fast to Christ in the face of tough circumstances starts with basic obedience & trust.

* God is unfolding human history and will bring forth His Messiah who will rule over all things in the end.

HOPE: He Holds the Future – Daniel 8

I. History is full of false messiahs (Horns)

II. The future will get worse before it gets better.

Life Group Study Questions:

Hope: He holds the Future—Daniel 8 & 12

1. Who are the three horns describing in Daniel 8? The detail of this prophecy is amazing. How does God's sovereignty over the details of your enemies encourage you?
2. Do you see false messiah's in our present day? Describe them.
3. Do you think most believers struggle with the fact that things will get progressively worse for believers? How does this struggle show up in our lives?
4. Daniel was shocked by the revelation that persecution would continue. How has the ongoing difficulty of life caught you off guard, even when you know it's God's plan?
5. The prophetic revelations given to Daniel leaves him physically sick. What is the danger in trying to be sufficient for the future plans of God?
6. Daniel gets the basics of this prophecy, but there are so many pieces of the future that are unclear. God does not tell us everything. This can either immobilize us or drive us to deeper faith. Which way is it driving you?
7. Where do you think the hope is in this section of Scripture? The reality of evil and persecution getting progressively worse cannot be endured without hope. So what is the hope for Israel and for the church?

8. Where do you need hope today? Pray for one another.