

# — weekly — STUDY GUIDE

INTEGRATED BIBLE ENGAGEMENT

## DAILY TRIUMPH Week 8

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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 8

What stood out to you from this passage? Why?

### READ DANIEL 8:1-2 AND DANIEL 7:1

How much time passed between Daniel's vision in 7:1 and the vision mentioned in 8:1-2? Have you ever had a period of time when you felt like God has been silent? How did you respond?

### READ DANIEL 8:9-12

Take time to form your own interpretation of these verses. Now read verses 20-25. What is Gabriel's interpretation?

## *Personal Time Continued...*

### **READ DANIEL 8:27**

Daniel was so shaken up by this vision he had to call in sick for a few days. Have you ever experienced a dramatic response to something the Lord was doing in your life?

### **PRAY**

Pray that the Lord will open your heart as you study the book of Daniel, and reveal how you can live as Daniel in today's challenging times. Ask God to transform your heart and life so that you may witness like Daniel in your home, your neighborhood, your workplace, your school, and your city.

## *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 8:15-17. God sent Gabriel to help Daniel understand his vision.  
Think of a time when you were confused about what God was doing.  
Did He send someone or reveal something to you to help you understand His plan?
- Read Daniel 8:23-24. What is your reaction to this description of the antichrist?
- Read Daniel 8:25. What hope do you receive from the promise that this evil leader will be destroyed?  
What does this verse teach us about human power verses God's power?
- Read the description of the evil man in Psalm 10:1-11 and voice Psalm 10:12-18 as your own prayer.

### **PRAY**

Honestly talk with God about the things that cause you to be confused or fearful and acknowledge that God is in control even when it appears as though evil is prospering.

# *In Community*

## **READ**

READ Daniel 8:1-27

## **DISCUSS**

- What insight from your personal time would you like to share with the group?
- What is the clearest visual image you have in your mind from Daniel's vision in chapter 8?
- Read Daniel 8:15-18, 27. How does Daniel's response encourage or discourage you?
- How does discussion of the end times affect your faith today?
- What is your biggest takeaway from your integrated Bible and prayer engagement with Daniel 8?

## **PRAY**

Ask God for His help in understanding scripture. Share prayer requests in your group, and pray for each other. Also 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*