

— weekly — STUDY GUIDE

INTEGRATED BIBLE ENGAGEMENT

DAILY TRIUMPH Week 9

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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 9

What stood out to you from this passage? Why?

READ DANIEL 9:1-3

Can you relate to Daniel's connection to God in these verses? In what way?

READ DANIEL 9:4-11

Count how many times Daniel uses 'we' and 'us' in his confession. How can Daniel's confession shape the way you pray for your neighborhood?

Personal Time Continued...

READ DANIEL 9:23 AND MATTHEW 6:8

What is the connection between these two verses? Did God respond to Daniel before, during, or after his prayer?
What are the implications for us?

PRAY

Daniel made a confession for his people based on their sins, and asked God to intervene. Spend this time making a confession to God for your home, your neighborhood, your workplace, your school, your city, and your nation. Patiently expect God to answer.

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 9:4-19. Daniel's prayer includes multiple references to God's character. Work together to list the ways God is described here. God is . . .
- Read Daniel 9:12-14. Instead of using the exile as a reason to accuse God and question his goodness, Daniel declares that God is righteous and his judgement is deserved. What enabled Daniel to see his circumstances this way?
- Read Daniel 9:17-19. What does Daniel request of God and what is the basis of his appeal?
- Read Daniel 9:23. When did the response to Daniel's prayer come?
Why is it significant that God didn't wait until Daniel finished praying before sending a response?

PRAY

Daniel offered a prayer of confession on behalf of the Israelites. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14 and offer a prayer of confession on behalf of our nation.

In Community

READ

READ Daniel 9:1-27

DISCUSS

- What insight from your personal time would you like to share with the group?
- Consider Daniel 9:4-19. Think of God as the boss, and of Israel as an employee with a job to do. Think of the messages of the prophets as performance reviews. Discuss the analogy.
- Daniel prayed patiently, and God spoke to him during his prayer time. Have you ever felt like God spoke to you during a time of patient prayer?
- What are some of the worst things in history that have happened to God's people? Do you think any of those calamities fit Gabriel's description of events?
- What is your biggest takeaway from your integrated Bible and prayer engagement with Daniel 9?

PRAY

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