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STUDY GUIDE

INTEGRATED BIBLE ENGAGEMENT

DAILY TRIUMPH

Week 11

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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 11

What stood out to you from this passage? Why?

READ DANIEL 11:1

Why do you think God used an angel to speak into Daniel's life?

READ DANIEL 11:2-35

Why do you think the angel in this part of the vision gave Daniel a detailed prophetic account of the coming international struggle for power? As God prepared Daniel, in what ways has He prepared you to handle a difficult time in your life?

Personal Time Continued...

READ DANIEL 11:36-45

How does one reconcile the free will of the king and the inevitability of his actions prophesied in this vision? Reflect on a time in your life when you did as you pleased instead of following God. How did God use this season to bring you back to him?

PRAY

Ask the Lord to draw your heart fully to him. Ask him to reveal any areas keeping you from fully embracing all he has for you. Ask him to help you see how he is at work in your day today. Ask him to empower you to be a strong witness 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 11:2-4. Because the prophecies in this chapter are so detailed, some skeptics assume it must have been written after the events occurred. How is your faith impacted by knowing we serve a God who knows everything about the future?
- Read Daniel 11:27, 29, and 35. These three verses use the phrase, "at the appointed time." How does that phrase imply there is an outside force, stronger than these kings, determining the events of history?
- Read Daniel 11:35. Think of a difficult time God used to refine you. How did God use that experience to help you grow in wisdom?
- Read Daniel 11:36. The king who is the subject of this verse's prophecy exalts himself and disrespects God; yet he is very successful for a time. What does this reveal about success as a sign of God's favor?

PRAY

Spend time praying together about God's control of history. Praise God for His wisdom and power, and ask Him to grant you His perspective as you make sense of the events in your life and in the world around us.

In Community

READ

Read Daniel 11

DISCUSS

- What is one thing from your Personal Time section of the Study Guide you would like to share with the group?
- In Daniel 11:20-35, the man in Daniel's vision declares there will be some who will stand firm, endure faithfully, and take action. Can you put yourself in their shoes? What action should the persecuted take?
- Daniel 11:36-45 describes in detail a series of God-orchestrated events. In your view, have these events occurred? Can they be found along with the historical details prophesied in verses 1-35? Or, do you think this section of the vision describes the future "end times"?
- How can we know God better (v. 32)?
What encouragement can be found in verses 33-35 for those who know God in times of persecution?

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 that may want to join you. Finally, make sure to pray by name for your neighbors!

Notes