

The End Times

Part 2

Key Scriptures: Daniel 7:8-14; John 10:10; Mark 14:62; Acts 1:11

1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- How do you handle last-minute changes in plans? I mean the kind of plans that you've worked on and researched and thought about for weeks beforehand! Does your stomach sink? Or does it excite you about a new opportunity? Why?
- Does it change how you react if the change of plans is forced by something completely out of your control? Does it change how you react if the plans fall through because someone wasn't prepared? What about if YOU weren't prepared? Why?

2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What is different about Daniel chapter 7 compared to the first 6 chapters of Daniel?
- If Daniel was 100% correct while predicting his immediate future (Daniel 2 – the end of Babylon), and the next 1000 years (Daniel 2 & 7 – Medo-Persian Empire, Greek Empire, and Roman Empire), then is that favorable evidence that he'll get our future correct as well? Why or why not?
- As we look at the prophecy of Daniel 7:2-14, what do the "beasts" represent? And the fourth beast has horns, but also a little horn that will grow in the future... how is that "little horn" described? Does a "boastful" leader, who thinks they don't need God, sound like a reasonable description of any modern leaders? Why or why not?
- In Daniel 7:13, we see one like a son of man coming to the Ancient of days. Where have you seen that title elsewhere in the Bible? (Give an example)
- In Daniel 7:14, we see that He was given "authority, glory, and sovereign power" over all nations. Where have you seen that authority given to someone elsewhere in the Bible? (Give an example)

3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- When you read (or hear) the dream and vision of Daniel, does it bring you hope? Fear? Confusion? Peace? Why?
- What does it mean to live in the spirit of the anti-Christ? Is that how you see other people, nations, or cultures? Why or why not?
- In John 10:10, Jesus said, "The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." How does this verse affect how you see the world around you?
- Daniel sees the son of man "coming with the clouds of heaven" in Daniel 7:13. How does that compare to Mark 14:62 and Acts 1:11? In what way?

4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray that God speaks to your heart and the hearts of your family, friends, co-workers, classmates, and neighbors about His plans for your future. Plans to welcome you (and them) into His presence, as they come to Him for the free gift of salvation.
- Pray that you can be the person others ask about faith in God and that God gives you the wisdom to clearly share of the hope they can have in Him.

5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Reflect on the tremendous reality that Daniel saw the coming of Christ 500 years before Jesus was born and saw Jesus's return in the future! How great is our God to promise such an amazing future? Write down what this means to you and keep it in your Bible to discover again.