

# The End Times

# Part 5

**Key Scriptures: Daniel 9:1-26; Romans 2:5; Exodus 12:21-23; Hebrews 12:1-3**

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

- What do you do when you want to escape from dealing with reality? (Binge watch a show? Play video games? Go for a run? Cook a meal? Go on vacation?)
- Be honest... whatever you do to escape, is it developing you into a better person? Is it just wasting time? Or does it cause you to have more problems, anxiety, or feel hopeless? Why?

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

- Read Daniel 9:1-2. Is Daniel trying to escape reality or explore with reality? What does he do to confront his reality? Why?
- What is more important to Daniel, getting answers or having hope? Why?
- What is Daniel reading that he calls the scriptures? How do the scriptures provide us with answers? How do the scriptures provide us with hope?
- Read Romans 2:5. What do we need to do to keep ourselves from God's wrath? Can we be perfect in this? What is the permanent solution to prevent God's wrath?

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

- Daniel didn't only repent for his sins, but repented for whose sins? Why?
- Daniel's repentance and prayer moved God. (Daniel 9:20-26) Can our prayers of repentance be effective? How do we need to pray?
- Read Exodus 12:21-23. Why did the destroyer pass over the houses of the Israelites? Today, what does that blood represent?
- Why do we call Jesus the Lamb of God? How does that connect with the Jewish festival of Passover? How does His sacrifice affect us today?

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

- Pray that God will forgive you and that Jesus will guide you into all truth and wisdom.
- Pray that others will see your faith, your hope in Jesus, and the peace that He gives.
- Pray that you will remain strong, and stand firm, in your faith.

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

- Read your Bible for 10 minutes (or more) every day this week. If you don't know where to start, check out the Gospel of John or the Book of Philippians. Both will encourage you to find joy in who Jesus is and what He has done at the cross.