

Community group questions
Daniel chapter 7

Opening question: In what situations do you find it most difficult to wait?

Scripture study

- Read Daniel 7:1-8. What is different about chapter 7 than what we have seen so far in the book of Daniel? What do we know of the sea as often pictured in the Bible and God's power over it (see Psalm 65:5-7; 69:1-3; Isaiah 17:12; 51:9-10)? Compare the four beasts with Daniel chapter 2:31-35, 38-40. What is true of all nations that should be of assurance to us (see also verse 27 & Isaiah 40:15-17)?

- Read Daniel 7:9-14. What are some of the descriptions given of this court scene and what is its significance? How do we know the identification of the one Daniel saw in verse 13 (see also Matthew 26:63-65; Mark 13:26; Revelation 1:7)? What should be the impact of Daniel 7:14 to our lives? How does the hope of verse 14 help you in the times in which we live?

- Read Daniel 7:15-28. What is said here of Daniel (7:15-16, 19, 28)? The people of God (verse 18, 21, 25, 27)? And the little horn (20-21, 24-25)? What is likely the identification of the "little horn" and what do we know of him (see 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 8-10)? Why will people follow him and how is this a warning for us?

- Read again Daniel 7:14, 21-22, 27 and draw out some encouragement from these verses? What is significant about the wording of verse 22? What do you need to keep in mind this week about the sovereignty of God? What helps you to "see the shore" amidst the fog?