

Community group questions
Daniel chapter 11

Opening question: What is it that you know now that you wish you knew when you were younger?

Scripture study

- Read Daniel 11:1-4. Describe what is going on in these verses. Who are the key players in God's program in these verses? How is it helpful to know in advance the outcome or that the outcome is in God's hands?

- Read Daniel 11:5-13. What is significant about these words to Daniel? How does verse 16 help us to identify the references to the "south" and the "north"? Who is the key player in these verses (begins with an A)? What is true of every one of these rulers (see verse 5, 19, 20)? What do we learn from that?

- Read Daniel 11:21-23, 29-31. Who is this ruler (begins with an A)? What is said of his character and career? What crisis does he bring upon the people of Israel? What does verse 32 say is the key to standing up to crisis? How is "what we believe about God" critical to our facing crisis, opposition, and suffering?

- Read Daniel 11:36-45. What are some things said about this ruler that suggest this is still future? What is said of this ruler that is like all powerful rulers of the past? In God's program, why has Israel been oppressed and will continue to be oppresses until Christ's return (see 11:33-35)? How does God use suffering in our lives (be specific)?

- Application: How does looking behind help us in looking ahead? In what area of your life presently do you need to trust that "God's got this"?