

SUMMER BIBLE JAM 2017

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

PROPHETS

SEEING

READING IN A GENRE

FEATURES OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY:

- Word pictures / poetic language / acted out examples
- Divine interpretations of events
- Declarations of future events (mostly imminent but sometimes distant future)
- Themes of judgment & mercy and calls to return

CONSIDER IN ORDER TO SEE:

- What was the historical situation for God's people during this?
- How does this prophet show us the character & actions of God?
- What is the tone of this passage (shock? judgment? hope? restoration)?
- What kind of response is it designed to provoke (confession? repentance? changed social action? heart-felt worship?)?

THIS WEEK'S READING

DANIEL 9; ISAIAH 55; EZEKIEL 36

RESOURCE ON WEBSITE:

"Understanding the Writing Prophets"

SUGGESTED DAILY READING & MEDITATION PLAN:

- Mon: Dan. 9:1-15* *Note: What did Daniel See,
- Tues: Dan. 9:16-27 Savor, & Encounter?
- Wed: Is. 55:1-9
- Thurs: Is. 55:10-13
- Fri: Ez. 36:16-38

SAVORING

LETTING A PASSAGE READ YOU

- USE PAGES 12-13 OF YOUR FIELD MANUAL AS A GUIDE & WRITE DOWN THOUGHTS

WHAT SHOULD WE RECEIVE AS WE READ THE PROPHETS?

- The Human Heart is Prone to Wander... We need to hear words that clarify my current location and call me back to where I'm supposed to be.
- The Foundations of My Life are spelled out in our Covenant Relationship with the Creator
- The Current Conditions (even of my own doing) are Not the Final Word (Every appearance of the prophets points to a coming day of God's faithfulness)
- The underlying ultimate solution of human need and dysfunction is connected to the Messiah's Coming and Work for us!... Look for and savor that truth.
- We need to be reminded of the promises of God. (The prophets frequently remind God's people of His Covenant & future promises)

ENCOUNTERING

EXPERIENTIALLY DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

- USE PAGES 16-17 OF YOUR FIELD MANUAL AS A GUIDE
- WHAT KIND OF AWARENESS OF GOD OR RESPONSE IS THE SPIRIT AWAKENING?

DISCUSSING

DIRECTION FOR DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- DISCUSS YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH GOD THIS WEEK IN THE PROPHETS