

The Life of Daniel Week 8

The Spiritual Realm

(Small Groups Participant Guide)

Group Time

Introduction

The battles we face as Christians are changing dramatically. Stories of Christian persecution around the world and even the U.S. are becoming increasingly commonplace. As the faithful, we must follow God's instructions on how to stand in the gap for others as well as to battle against enemy forces. We must act on God's terms and according to his blueprint. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you today.

Discussion Questions and Leader Notes

- 1.** Read Daniel 10:2-3 and 12-13. How long did Daniel pray and when did God hear him? What was taking place within the 3 weeks Daniel was awaiting an answer? Do you think your prayers can set things in motion in the heavenly realm for yourself, family, friends and country? What can you do in your own life to pray as Daniel did? Share in the group.
- 2.** In Daniel 10, we are given a rare glimpse of one supernatural battle among many. It is evident that there was even a specific demon with power over Persia. That said, what can we take away regarding answers to our own prayers and possible reasons for delay? Share some circumstances when an answer to prayer was delayed. Does anyone have a story to share about a victory within the supernatural realm?
- 3.** Read Ephesians 6:10-18. How can we equip ourselves to be ready to intercede for others and to operate in the spiritual realm? Read Luke 4:1-4, Esther 4:16, Exodus 34:28 and Matthew 6:16-18. According to these verses, what do we know about fasting? Do you believe that fasting is integral to your prayer life today? As a group, discuss some practical ways to

incorporate fasting and putting on God's armor into your time with God this week.

*Please note that it may be advisable to see a physician before journeying into a fast.

4. Daniel made sure that he was protected with God's armor. He prayed, fasted and meditated on God's Word; and he stood up for his godly convictions. He focused on God, not the problems around him. Consequently, God chose to use him as a prophet and as a mentor for the people of his time and for us as well. If we are willing, like Daniel, God will use us as well. Read Daniel 12:1-3. How are these verses relevant to our lives today? After studying Daniel for 8 weeks, how has God changed you? Share.

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Memory Verse

Romans 8:26: “In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words”

Notes

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