

## Sermon Guide October 26: Daniel 11-12

What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why? Was there a particular historical detail or prophecy that caught your attention?

## **Key Takeaway:**

- God is in control of history Every detail prophesied in Daniel 11 came true exactly as predicted
- 2. Evil has an expiration date Suffering is real, but it's not forever
- 3. Hope is found in the Book of Life Our rescue is secured by Jesus, not our good works
- 4. We don't need all the answers We need to know the Author and keep walking in faith

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Why do you think God gave Daniel such specific details about the next 350 years? What purpose does this level of detail serve for Daniel's original audience and for us today?
- 2. Evil has an expiration date (Daniel 11:35). How does this truth change the way we view current world events or personal struggles?
- 3. What are the things you struggle to believe that God is still in control of? How does Daniel 11-12 speak to those specific areas?
- 4. Daniel 12:1 mentions those "found written in the book." How would you explain to someone what it means to have your name written in the Book of Life? Is your confidence in this based on your performance or on Jesus' finished work?
- 5. What's the difference between nostalgia and biblical hope? Where are you tempted to rely on nostalgia instead of hope?

- 6. Daniel 12:4 says people will be "roaming about" searching for knowledge. How do you see this playing out in our current culture? How can we be "people of the word" in an age of information overload?
- 7. God's answer to Daniel in 12:9 was essentially "go on your way—keep living." Why is this frustrating for us? What does it look like practically to "keep walking" when we don't have all the answers?

## **Practical Applications:**

- 1. Write down 2-3 areas where you're struggling to trust God's control and next to each, write a truth from Daniel 11-12 that speaks to that struggle. Pray over these daily, asking God to replace anxiety with hope.
- 2. Journal about what it means that your name is written in the Book of Life Who in your life needs to hear about this hope? Pray for one specific opportunity to share the gospel this week
- 3. Commit to reading one chapter of Scripture before checking your phone/social media each morning. Keep a simple log of what you read and share one insight with the group next week.