



Daniel Series Study Sheet

Week 9—May 7

Text: Daniel ch.8

Message Title: Hope in troubled times

Recap the main themes from the book of Daniel. What is God teaching you through this book so far?

Read Daniel chapter 8.

This prophecy points toward the suffering of the Jewish people under the Syrian king Antiochus in the 2nd Century B.C. What parts of this vision do you find the most disturbing?

Through this prophecy we are reminded to expect difficulties in life. It echoes Jesus' words, "in this life you will have trouble" (John 16:33). Why is it so important for us to take those words to heart?

People who are struggling often say, "there's always someone worse off than me." Is that a helpful or unhelpful mindset to have?

Why is it so difficult for us to accept the basic truth that 'life is hard'? How would life be easier if we accepted that truth?

What hints of hope can you detect in this chapter?

In what ways does Jesus ultimately fulfil the prophecy in this chapter?

Share how God has encouraged and strengthened you through a difficult time you've face. What did he use to give you hope?

How could you give hope to someone you know who is facing a troubled time right now?