



For the Week of Jan. 13, 2013

Daniel 8

(Daniel 8 is too large to fit in this column. Please be sure to bring your Bible to Growth Group this week)

Growth Group Discussion Guide

“Growing Upward, Inward, Outward, and Forward”

Scripture: Daniel 8

Sermon Summary – The main ideas found in this week’s message:

- Daniel 8 tells us about the Medo-Persian Empire, the Greek Empire, and the terrible reign of Antioches Epiphanes.
- The ram in verses 3-4 = Medo-Persian Empire
- The goat in verses 5-8 = Greece / Alexander the Great
- The little horn in verses 9-12 & 23-26 = Antioches IV Epiphanes
- Antioches IV Epiphanes is a prototype of the Antichrist
- These prophecies took place many years before each event took place showing God’s sovereignty.
- Daniel’s response gives us guidance in how we should respond.

WELCOME – Getting to Know Each Other Better

- What is some of the most appalling or saddening news you have ever received? How did you respond?
- What is the best news you’ve ever received?

WORSHIP – Sharing Our Gratitude for God

- How did God show you that He was in control this week?

WORD - Applying Scripture to Our Lives

1. When did this vision take place compared to chapter 7?
2. Who interpreted this vision for Daniel?
3. What did the ram with two horns represent?
4. When did the Medo-Persian Empire come about? (see chart on back)
5. When did the Greek Kingdom come about?
6. Antioches IV Epiphanes ruled from 168-165 BC. How many years after Daniels vision was that?
7. How might the Antichrist be like Antioches IV Epiphanes?
8. How should we live out our faith in view of these prophecies and what we see going on in our world?

WITNESS - Prayer Concerns from my Growth Group:

- What opportunities did you have this week to share your faith or be a witness for God? Did you take advantage of these opportunities?
- Who has God placed in your life who does not know Christ? How can we best pray for your relationship with them?
- Other prayer concerns?

VISIONS IN DANIEL

