



Sermon: Daniel 2:19-49

Date: March 17, 2024

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. In what different ways does Daniel's praise song in verses 20-23 proclaim that God is the ruler of kings *and* the revealer of mysteries?
3. Compare Daniel's response to King Nebuchadnezzar in verses 27-30 with the response of the Chaldeans found in verses 10-11. What is Daniel implying to King Nebuchadnezzar in these verses?
4. Explain Nebuchadnezzar's dream, including what each part of the statue represents.
5. What is the significance of the phrase "a stone was cut out *by no human hand*" in verse 34?
6. Daniel was not afraid to boldly tell Nebuchadnezzar that God is above him. How can we learn from his example as we think about the church's role in the world today, especially as we find ourselves under heathen rulers?
7. Read through Genesis 41 and compare the narrative and outcomes with our passage in Daniel 2. What similarities and patterns do you see?



8. Why does God raise up evil leaders? What purpose might he have for them? Use Scripture (like Romans 9:14-18 for example).

9. What message is there in Daniel 2 for our political leaders? What ought they to know about God and his kingdom? Who ought to tell them?

10. How does this text encourage God's people toward optimism about the future of God's kingdom?

11. In what ways should our optimism about the future of the kingdom of God inform our decisions as Christians and as a church? How should this optimism affect our disposition toward life in general as we seek to further God's kingdom on this earth?