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HOME GROUP GUIDE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

LISTEN

Listen to the sermon and read through the main passage(s)



REFLECT

Prayerfully answer the questions below



DISCUSS

Meet with your group to discuss



RESPOND

Apply the truth of God's word to your life

BACKGROUND:

Starting from Daniel 7 to the end of the book, the straightforward narrative ceases and is replaced by a series of apocalyptic visions. Among all of Daniel's visions, none is as magnificent as that of the 'son of man.' The vision of Daniel 7 occurs before the events of Daniel 5. Four beasts representing four kings are powerful and intimidating. That is, until God (the Ancient of Days) appears. The scene vividly depicts a judge with the wisdom to discern right from wrong, the purity to always choose what is right, and the power to enforce his judgments. Then "one who is like a son of man" appears, and God himself grants him a different kind of kingdom.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus refers to himself as "Son of Man" over 80 times, more than any other self-description. The glory Daniel saw during captivity was ultimately revealed in Jerusalem with Jesus' triumphant entry. Jesus arrives as the fulfillment of Messianic hope, a redeemer who will save people from oppression and hardship. But he comes as king. Every benefit is a royal provision. To accept Jesus as savior is to submit to him as king.

OPEN:

1. Growing up, did you have any Palm Sunday or Easter traditions? If so, what were they?

REFLECT:

2. Read Daniel 7:9-14. What details in Daniel's description of the "Ancient of Days" stand out to you? What do they signify about God?

3. Earlier in the chapter, worldly power appeared strong and unstoppable to Daniel (see vv.2-8). How is this vision meant to reshape Daniel's thinking about what God is doing in the world? If all earthly authority is essentially "on loan" from God, how should this influence our view of leaders, governments, and authority?

4. Palm Sunday reminds us that Jesus entered as King, but not everyone accepted him. What are some ways we can outwardly celebrate him while inwardly resisting his authority? What is the danger of wanting Jesus as Savior for forgiveness and help without submitting to Him as King over our lives and choices?

APPLY:

5. What does it look like practically to submit to Jesus as King in your daily life (time, decisions, relationships, priorities)?

6. How do you usually relate to power? Do you tend to pursue it? Fear it? Avoid it? Try to control it? How should recognizing Jesus as the ultimate authority reshape your attitude toward power?

7. Serve Day is coming up on Saturday, May 2. This is our annual opportunity to engage with our community through various acts of service. As we consider our evangelism focus, maybe someone in your group has a neighbor who needs some work done around the house. Serving them as a group could create an opportunity for a gospel conversation. As you meet this week, take a moment to discuss needs in your neighborhoods and brainstorm ways to serve.

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