



Life Group Notes

Dreams and Visions

These notes have been put together to be used alongside the Sunday teaching at Wavertree.

This week we are looking at the dreams and visions of Daniel 7-9, how we can approach understanding these complex passages and key ideas we can apply to our lives today.

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Dan 7:13-14

ICE BREAKER:

How do you find difficult passages in the bible, do you avoid them or do you enjoy getting into the detail?

READ: Daniel 7:1-14

you could go around your group reading 1 verse at a time.

SHARE:

What stands out to you either from the passage or from Jenny / Steve's talks.

Daniel 7-9 can feel overwhelming at first glance. The beasts are frightening, the imagery is strange, and the details are debated. Yet at the centre of the vision stands the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man. The focus is not ultimately on the beasts but on God's sovereignty and Jesus' victory.

The encouraging message of the chapter is that evil does not have the final word. Human kingdoms rise and fall, oppression comes and goes, but God's Kingdom remains forever. Jesus, the Son of Man, has already secured the victory through the cross and invites us to share in that victory.

DISCUSSION: 15 minutes

1. The image of the "Ancient of Days" is a major focus in Daniel 7. What stands out to you about that picture of God?
2. How does the idea that God 'decrees' and works according to his purposes affect the way you view current world events or personal challenges?
3. What other 'foundational truths' about God can we see in these passages? How do they bring you comfort?
4. The "beast" in Daniel 7 can represent not only oppressive powers but also sinful tendencies within us. What "beast-like" attitudes (pride, selfishness, control, fear, etc.) do you most need Jesus' victory over in your life?

PERSONAL REFLECTION: 5 minutes

Put on some music, breathe deeply and sit quietly. Choose 1 or 2 questions to reflect on - then pray for one another as you close.

- Where am I feeling overwhelmed or fearful at the moment?
- How can I focus more on the God who reigns over the 'beasts'?
- What area of my life do I need to surrender again to Jesus' rule?
- How can I walk more fully in the freedom and victory that Christ offers?