

# SUMMIT

**DANIEL 9:1-23**

## MAIN IDEA:

**A Gospel Prayer begins with God, acknowledges our sin, pleads for mercy, and delights in God's response.**

### IT BEGINS WITH GOD

#### DANIEL 9:1-4

- Prayer is a response to God and His Word
- Prayer is to the God revealed in the Word - great and awesome

### IT ACKNOWLEDGES OUR SIN

#### DANIEL 9:5-14

- True repentance does not deflect responsibility
- True repentance does not try to save face

### IT PLEADS FOR MERCY

#### DANIEL 9:15-19

- Daniel does not ask based on his righteousness and resume
- Daniel pleads for mercy

### IT DELIGHTS IN GOD'S RESPONSE

#### DANIEL 9:20-23

- God ordains prayer to be the means by which he works
- God responds to the prayer of his covenant people with love

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True "gospel prayer," as exemplified by Daniel in Daniel Chapter 9, is not a self-centered wish list but a deeply theological and humble response to God. It is characterized by beginning with God's revelation, acknowledging one's sinfulness, pleading for God's mercy based on His character (not human merit), and delighting in His sovereign, loving response.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How can knowing God's Word and knowing about God (like his attributes) help make our prayer life richer and deeper?
  2. What does confession and repentance look like in your life?
  3. What does it mean that "God ordains prayer to be the means by which he works?"
  4. Over Thanksgiving Break, how can you model this prayer of Daniel in your own life?
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