

# Prayer June 23, 2024 | Daniel 9:1-23 Questions for Study and Group Discussion

\*\* Before you begin, please read Daniel 9:1-23

## **Opening**

- How closely does your current life parallel what you planned in high school? What unexpected detours has your life taken?
- Review the book of Daniel. What detours has his life taken?

#### **Study and Application**

- Read Daniel 9:1-19 and make a list of how Daniel describes God in Daniel. If your group wants to have fun with this, break into two groups and see who can come up with a bigger list.
- Read Jeremiah 29:10-14. How does Daniel apply these verses?
- What does Daniel's prayer teach us about confession?
- How does Daniel's prayer encourage and challenge your own prayers?
- If you have time, discuss the way Daniel's prayer is answered in Daniel 9:20-23.
- What habits do you need to change so you can pray like Daniel when you are 80?

### **Key Action for the Week:**

• As you read the Bible this week, look for things to pray about. Be ready to discuss how this changes your prayer next time you meet.

#### Other study

- At the Lead Well Event in April, Colleen Searcy gave some ideas to improve prayer as a small group. Consider implementing some of these.
- Pray for just one or two people each week.
- Assign prayer people for that week. (Person A prays for Person B, Person B prays for Person C etc.)
- Break into smaller groups for prayer. (2-3 People)
- Dedicate the last 10 min to prayer." Not sharing prayer requests, but actually praying. Use this dedicated time to teach people to pray and give them practice in doing so.
- Pray on the spot as the needs arise.