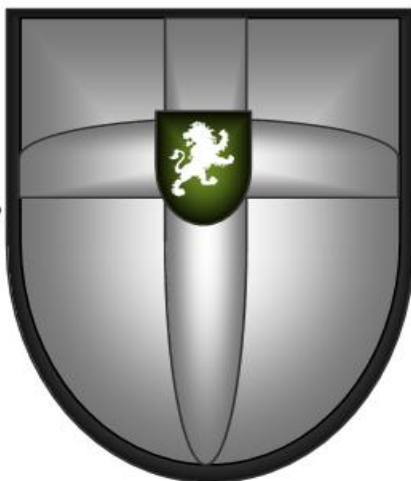


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Week of 5/26/2013

The Point: *Be Strong.....Jesus will rescue the world*

Daniel 9-12

Discussion Generators

- **Read Daniel 12:1.** What are two things that stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be silly, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- Last week we talked about Daniel's visions in chapters 7 and 8. This week we talked about his visions in chapters 9 through 12. What were similar about the visions we talked about between the two weeks and what was different?
- With the key difference being that now it was revealed to Daniel that eventually there would be a rescue of his people, how would have you felt being Daniel now as opposed to his earlier visions where this was not yet revealed? Knowing that you have the same awareness as Daniel and so much more, how does or how could Jesus' story of rescue and return impact a person's life?
- Last week we read in Prime Group some of Paul's writings to the church in Corinth in relation to suffering. This week let's take a look at James. **Read James 1:2-18.** James is talking about persevering through trouble and suffering, so how can his words apply to specific parts of our lives?
- How could a person possibly find "joy" in failures and setbacks? How does perseverance create maturity, and what does that mean?

Discussion Generators

- .How could this passage in James apply to a specific situation in your life right now? If comfortable please share.
- .This week, we were able to see how a situation that had seemed bleak to Daniel was given hope and promise through the future fulfillment of Jesus' coming. Jesus did come to rescue us on the cross and will return yet again. Does this create something for you? Hope? Purpose? Anything? Explain. How do you feel when you read verse 18 of James 1?
- .So this was a long series looking at the book of Daniel with a ton of great info of which some examples are: obedience, integrity, faithfulness, perseverance, suffering, and hope. What have been some of your favorite memories and takeaways from this series?

Thinking Outside the Box

This week in Ignition, the kids watched a video from The Jesus Storybook Bible. This video touches on Ezra and Nehemiah who returned to Israel to rebuild the temple and the walls of Jerusalem near the time of Daniel. Let's watch this video and get some of your thoughts afterwards.

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/MC3SavedStrong>

- .What stood out to you or what did you like about this video?
- .The subtitle of The Jesus Storybook Bible is "Every Story Whispers His Name". How would you say that is true in relation to what we learned throughout our series on the book of Daniel?

Bible References

Daniel 12:1 (NIV)

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

James 1:2-18 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements. God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters.

Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. **And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.**

