

7. Notice especially the things Daniel praised God for in Daniel 2:20-23. What particular reasons do you have for praising God for these same things?

8. In 2:27-30, what are the most important points that Daniel makes in his reply to the king?

9. Summarize the king's response in 2:46-48 to Daniel's interpretation of the dream.

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Scott Sterner - Director of Church Planting, Forest Lakes District

Pray that our churches are implementing a plan to infuse, commit and develop a vision for multiplication within their church.

Using Daniel's psalm as a model (2:20-23), compose your own psalm or expression of praise to God. Thank him for aspects of his character that have been displayed through his work in your life.

Sermon Notes

"When God Does What No One Else Can Do"

Daniel 2:1-30, 46-49

May 24, 2015

Introduction:

Background

When God does what no one else can do ...

(1) He shows that _____;

(2) He demonstrates his _____ so that

(3) He alone _____.

Examples

c. What reasons can you think of for why Nebuchadnezzar refused to reveal the details of his dream?

2. In your own words, summarize the situation as it develops in 2:12-13.

Conclusion:

3. From Daniel's example in 2:14-18 what can we learn about how we should react to a personal crisis?

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 5-24-15

Questions adapted from *Daniel: Life Change Series*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2013, pp. 15-23; Douglas Connelly, *Daniel, Spiritual Living in a Secular World*, Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2000, pp. 13-15.

Getting Started:

Scientists tell us that we dream every night – and most of the time we enjoy it. But some dreams terrorize us. C.S. Lewis called them “dreams that make you afraid to sleep again.”

When you have a particularly troubling dream, how eager are you to tell others the details of it?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read Daniel 2:1-11.

a. In the exchanges between Nebuchadnezzar and his royal officials, what does Nebuchadnezzar seek and how does he pursue this?

b. How would you summarize the series of responses from the royal officials?

4. Notice Daniel's focus on prayer in 2:17-18. What specific needs, burdens, and desires in your life are worthy of the kind of prayer for God's mercy that Daniel called for in these verses?

5. Compare how you normally respond when God answers your prayers with how Daniel responded in 2:19-23.

6. What do 2:20-23 reveal about Daniel's perspective of what has happened?