

7. What other preparations did Jesus model for his disciples?

Mark 1:35-36

Luke 5:15-16

Luke 22:39-46

8. What are ways that you have used in the past to prepare for prayer? Are there preparations that you would like to try again, or try for the first time?

Let's Pray:

Read Daniel's prayer in Dan. 9:4-19. Select a couple verses that you could rephrase into your own prayer for your own situation. For example, consider how you could tailor verses 4-6 to vocalize a prayer to God on behalf of your own family, church, city, or nation.

Sermon Notes

"Daniel's Prayer of Confession – Part 1"

Daniel 9:1-23

August 2, 2015

Introduction:

1. Preparations to Pray

a. _____ by God's Word
(9:2)

b. Preparing to _____
(9:3)

2. Elements of Prayer

- a.
- b.
- c.

3. God's Response

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 8-2-15

Questions adapted from Daniel: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2013, pp. 95-106; Douglas Connelly, Daniel, Spiritual Living in a Secular World, Intersity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2000, pp. 37-40.

Getting Started:

1. Tell the group about a time when you felt compelled to pray more intently than usual. What circumstances prompted you to seek God so earnestly?

Digging Deeper:

2. Daniel 9 records one of the great prayers of the Bible. Review Daniel 6:3-16. Note everything you observe about Daniel's prayer life.

3. God promised to release his people after seventy years of captivity. Then why did Daniel need to pray? (Jeremiah 29:10-14 may help.)

4. What is the important background to Daniel's prayer in this chapter? Note the connections between the timing identified in Dan. 9:1-2, the events Daniel witnessed in Dan. 5:22-31, and the prediction of Jeremiah 25:12-14.

5. What are some specific ways that Daniel prepared for his time of prayer (9:2-3)?

6. What preparations for prayer did Jesus teach to his disciples in Matthew 6:5-18?