

THE KINGDOM OVER ALL KINGS

If you have a pattern of having someone share their *Story of Faith* (life before Jesus, encountering Jesus, life since/lately with Jesus) and/or sharing *Evidences of God's grace*, begin with that, followed by a time of thankful prayer for Christ's work in the individual's life/the grace in your lives.

OPENING COMMENT

How have you seen God's work in your life? Describe a time when God worked things work out better than you could have expected or planned?

READ THE TEXT: Daniel 2:1-49

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What all happened in Chapter 2?
- 2. How does Daniel respond to the demands of the King?
- 3. What does it look like to trust in God's power in our daily lives?
- 4. How are praising God and trusting in God related? How is our praise of God affected by how much we have trusted God?
- 5. How does the fact that God knows and direct the future impact how we think about world events?
- 6. What are the things that we cannot control that we spend time worrying about? What should we do with our worries?



- 7. How does Daniel 2 point us towards the coming of Jesus? How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy?
- 8. How does God's faithfulness to his promises give us hope through times of trials?
- 9. Read Romans 8:35-39. How does the Sovereignty of God increase our confidence in these verses?

CONCLUSION

The sovereignty of God is one of the big themes in our Bibles and it is given so that we might not loose hope in a world that is plagued by sin. While sin operates in this world, God has not lost control. He brings nations up and he takes them down, and through all of it he is working out his good purposes. In Daniel's day he showed the exiles that he would be faithful in bringing the eternal Kingdom of God. Today, we have seen that promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ, giving us a hope that nothing can separate us from his love.

SHARE & PRAY

- Share how you can pray for each other in light of this study.
- Conclude by spending some time praying for one another, for the areas of growth and grace you are seeking, and the needs among you.

