

Why Pray?

To Identify with the People of God

Daniel 9:1-19

1. What preparations do you make when entering into prayer? What are types of prayers or themes of prayers that you feel would require preparation? Why is preparing our hearts in prayer important?
2. In examining Daniel's prayer, what are the patterns of sin that led Israel into exile years prior? What is Daniel specifically confessing on behalf of the nation and why and how is this relevant to our current culture?
3. What are the attributes of God that are called out in Daniel's prayer? How do these attributes of God deepen your prayer life?
4. Keep reading the rest of Daniel 9. How does God respond to Daniel's prayer? What does that mean for God's activity in responding to our prayers?
5. As we examine our culture we see that we are at a significant crossroads. What are some constructive and appropriate ways that we can be interceding on behalf of our nation as God's church? How is your faith challenged as we enter into a time of focused prayer using Daniel's prayer as a guide?
6. Each group should apply this lesson by spending time in prayer for our church and nation.