

Growth group questions : **Daniel 7 Dominion**

Personal preparation **BEFORE** the growth group meets:-

Note: In v1 we're told that this chapter took place about 11 years before Chp 5. Also, in the same way that Chapters 3&6 and 4&5 are pairs Chps 2 & 7 are a pair also. Finally Chp 7 is where Daniel shares his own dreams. Reading this sort of literature can be challenging. Don't be tempted to find meaning in every detail. Read it with the eyes of your imagination and ask what the picture overall means.

Read Daniel 7.1-8, 15-25

1. In what Daniel sees each beast represents a human kingdom (v17). What do you notice/learn about beasts 1-3?
2. What is particularly disturbing about the 4th beast?
3. How do these beastly visions resonate with the world today?

Read Daniel 7.9-14, 26-28

4. What do we learn of the Lord God in these verses (vv9-12)?
5. What do we learn of the Son of Man in vv13-14?
6. What is comforting in this verses?
7. According to this vision, what does the present hold for the people of God?
8. According to this vision, what does the future hold for the people of God?
9. Read **Matthew 26.57-64**. How do Jesus' words connect with Daniel 7?
10. What questions do you have of this passage?

WHEN the growth group meets:-

Discuss your responses to this verse:-

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Timothy 3:12 NIV11)

Read aloud Daniel 7

- a. Share your answers to Q1.-3..
- b. Share your answers to Q4.-8.
- c. Share any unresolved questions you may have.
- d. Share your answers to Q9.
- e. What encouragement are there in these verses to Christian spacing opposition/persecution for their faith?
- f. Spend time particularly praying for persecuted Christian throughout the world.

Pray together.