

- 1. These days which of the following issues concerns you the most? Why?
  - a) The instability of our economy
  - b) The growing anti-Christian attitude in our society
  - c) The growing violence against Christians around the world
  - d) Islamic warfare in the Middle East
  - e) The policies and actions of the United States government
  - f) The moral decline of society especially in the United States
  - g) All of the above
- 2. How does it seem that most people handle their concern over these issues?

#### Daniel's Time (verse 1)

- 1. What similarities do you see between Daniel's time and our time?
- 2. Why do you think God choose the first year of Belshazzar's reign to give Daniel this vision?

### Daniel's Vision (verses 2-14)

1. Is there any part of this vision that is especially striking to you? Why?

# The Interpretation (verses 15-27)

- 1. The best way to interpret prophecy is when Scripture interprets prophecy for us. Why do you think God is so specific, not only in the details of the prophecy, but in His revelation of its meaning?
- 2. What is the purpose of God given prophecy?
- 3. What does this vision help us to understand about:
  - a) Human government?
  - b) Ourselves?
  - c) God's sovereignty?
  - d) Who is to be given authority over our lives (and why)?

#### Daniel's Response (verse 28)

- 1. Why do you think Daniel responded the way he responded?
- 2. Is there any part of Daniel's response that you can personally identify with? Why or why not?
- 3. How might Daniel's response be encouraging to you?

## Processing All That...

- 1. Based on what was shared in today's message what might the following mean to you personally?
  - a) God's Sovereignty
  - b) God's Judgment
  - c) God's Inheritance
- 2. What from today's study did you find most encouraging?
- 3. What from today's study might you be able to share with others you come into contact with this week?

#### Generic Catch All Last Question...

1. Anything else not covered above or that particularly impresses you from this study?