WHEN THE FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN

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MESSAGE RECAP

Living with grit means you have courage even when the future is uncertain. We still have in a God who is in control. This week we finished up our series on Daniel by looking at Chapters 8 and 9. In chapter 8, Daniel gets a picture of the future evil and we said, "You should never be surprised at what evil destroys." As we move into chapter 9, we understand God's solution to evil is different than Daniel's solution. Daniel wanted to return to a place, but God was going to return to a promise (Jeramiah 29:11) and we said, "You should never be surprised by how far God is willing to go to redeem each of us."

GROUP DISCUSSION

- **1.** After listening to the message, what stood out to you? What has stood out about the series?
- 2. Read <u>Daniel 8:3-8</u> and talk through the symbols. How hard is symbolism in the Bible? Daniel struggled to understand this until Gabriel gives him the answer (<u>Read Daniel 8:19-22</u>). In what ways does knowing the symbolism help you understand something about God?
- **3.** "You should never be surprised at what evil destroys." Where do you see evil destroying evil in our world today?
- **4.** Read Daniel 9:2 and Jeremiah 29:10-11. Have you ever thought about Daniel reading Jeremiah and holding on to a promise? How can scripture inform your hope?
- **5.** Daniel decides to pray specifically for his nation to return home (Daniel 9:3-19). Daniel's solution was to return to a place but God's solution was to return to a promise. How does Daniel 9:24-27 reveal God's plans?
- 6. How does Easter weekend fit into those plans?
- 7. Who are you going to invite to Easter this year? Pray for those people.

PRAY

