

WHEN YOU KNOW THE FUTURE

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MESSAGE RECAP

As we dive turn to Daniel 7, there is a major shift in the writing of this book. We are shifting from historical language to prophetic language. Daniel will be writing out his dreams using symbolism. Even though the imagery is changing, the message is the same. The theme of Daniel is not changing. We are still being inspired to trust in God while living in a godless culture. This means you must know and trust that God knows the future. While it may appear to be filled with beast, it's all still under his control. So no matter what you see, no matter how scary the beast is, **“Keep your focus on the Ancient of Days!”**

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever shared an idea, a conspiracy, a dream that was weird? If so, how did people respond.
2. Daniel shares a weird dream he had. Read Daniel 7:1-3 - This vision is filled with symbolism. The Symbols mean more than just the symbol. Name some symbols that represent our country, companies, or sports teams.
3. Read Daniel 7:4-8 and talk through each of the symbols and the future kingdoms they represented. In what ways is it comforting to know God knows the future?
Lion = Babylon Bear = Persians/Medes
Leopard = Greeks Terrifying Beast = Roman
4. Now focus the throne room of God. Read Daniel 7:9 -14 – What are the key things you imagine when reading this text? What gives you hope?
5. Daniel kept refocusing on the traits of the beast and horn. He is still living in Babylon when this dream is happening. We said, “Present realities always trouble us from our future hope.” What present realities are you currently facing? How are your present realities troubling you from the future hope?
6. What can you be doing to keep your focus on the Ancient of Days? How can your group encourage one another? Read Hebrews 10:23-25

PRAY