Hope in Exile

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Daniel 7

Big Idea: Exiles know that Exile is *<u>not</u>* eternal.

Exile: A citizen of God's kingdom who lives in the tension of being in the world but not of it.

1. **God reigns, eternally, over kingdoms, leaders and nations.**

2. **The eternal kingdom belongs to God and His people.**

Sermon questions

Meet Daniel. A man who stayed radically faithful to God and thrived in his faith while living right in the middle of one of the most godless kingdoms of all time. He has a lot to teach us about what it looks like to be an exile—a citizen of God's kingdom who lives in the tension of being in the world but not of it. We are continuing our series in Daniel, and our passage this Sunday is **Daniel 7.** The Big Idea is: *Exiles know that exile is <u>not</u> eternal.*

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Have someone read **vs. 2-8**, along with **vs. 17-18**. What is Daniel seeing in this vision?

2. Read **vs. 23-24**. What is unique about the fourth beast and why does Daniel seem preoccupied with it?

3. Jesus referred to himself as the "Son of Man" (**vs. 13**) roughly 80 times in his life—a title that was inaugurated in this chapter. Why do you think the "Son of Man" title, found in this dream of Daniel's, meant so much to Jesus, and why should it matter to us today?

4. As we wait for God's eternal kingdom that Daniel sees in **vs. 13-14 and 27** to come to fruition, how can we actively **grow** in becoming people of hope—as exiles who know that exile is not forever?

5. It can be tempting to overly-invest ourselves in the temporal kingdoms of this world. How can we balance the tension of being people who actively "seek the good of the city" (**Jer. 29:7**) that we live in now, while still being people who are fully committed to and willing to **go** proclaim the message of God's future kingdom that has no end?