

Exiled: Daniel

Daniel 7-8

6.5.15

Reminders

Baby Bottle Blessings

Every year we try to support our neighbors at Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County. Between now and Fathers Day, pick up a baby bottle in the hallways if you haven't already, fill it with change, and return it by Fathers Day.

Parent/Child Dedication

(Father's Day, June 19th)

Contact Heather Phillips for more information or to Sign Up

Exodus Music Album Now Available

"Christ Has Triumphed" is officially now available anywhere music is sold online (itunes, spotify, amazon, etc.). If you prefer a physical copy of the CD, you can order those off our website or go to ExodusMusic.org. We hope it is a blessing to you and your people.

Exodus Kids Extreme

Exodus Kids Extreme is the VBS of Exodus Church. This year's theme is "Plugged-In!"

Who: Rising K - Completed 5th Grade.

When: July 18-21, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Register on the city or ExodusKidsExtreme.org

Remember

Before you begin, talk about June and July. Let people talk about their plans for vacation, travel, etc. Talk about your plans as a group. What are some ways you can work to stay connected over the summer?

Talk about reading passage of the Bible like Daniel 7 and 8. What are some roadblocks to reading it? Why?

Talk through the following chart so that everyone is caught up on some of the particulars about Daniel 7-8. The Beasts of Daniel 7 correspond to the Statue of Daniel 2. The Ram and Male Goat of Daniel 8 also complement two of the beasts of Daniel 7. This helps us understand how Daniel fits together better.

Daniel 2 - Statue	Daniel 7	Daniel 8	Interpretation
Gold	Lion	-	Babylon
Silver	Bear	Ram	Medo-Persia
Bronze	Leopard	He-Goat	Greece
Iron/Clay	Great Beast	-	Rome
Stone	Heavenly Court		God's Kingdom

The graphic imagery of Daniel 7 and 8 is meant to elicit an emotion. What feelings do the images of the beasts in Daniel 7 and 8 create in you? Images of God?

Deepen

In Daniel 7, you have a vision with a global perspective of history over which God reigns. In Daniel 8, you have a vision with a local perspective of suffering. How do these two fit together and work to inform the other?

Brian's Big Idea on Sunday was: *The most important thing we get from Daniel isn't answers about the end of time. It's a vision of God as he has been from before the beginning of it.* So, look through the following passages. What do they tell us about God?

- Daniel 7:9-12
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Daniel 7:26-27

Transform

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples on a mountain. He gave them a vision and a mission. Read Matthew 28:16-20. What does Jesus say about himself? How might that vision encourage them on their mission?

Talk about God's character. How does his character encourage you to face global or local circumstances?

How can we encourage one another to remember God's character?