DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Mark opened with Ric Bruce's quote: "Every believer who has wondered if faithfulness matters when the world falls apart can benefit from understanding Daniel 12. This chapter invites us to stand with Daniel at the edge of history, to look beyond our fleeting troubles, and to find hope in God's promises of deliverance and hope for new life after death."

- Where in your own life have you wondered whether faithfulness "matters" when circumstances feel out of control? How does Daniel 12 help address that doubt?

2. Verse 1 says everyone "found written in the book" will be rescued - not from suffering, but from the second death.

- How does this distinction between temporal deliverance and eternal deliverance reshape what you're praying for in hard seasons - for yourself or others?

3. The teaching pointed out that leading others to righteousness doesn't require a pulpit - it can happen through parenting, friendships, workplace conversations, generosity, serving, and so on.

- Where do you currently have the opportunity to intentionally invest yourself to "lead someone to righteousness," even in a small way? What's holding you back, if anything? Consider praying together as a community for those current or future opportunities.

4. The message closed with 1 Corinthians 15's declaration that "death is swallowed up in victory."

- How does the certainty of that future victory practically change the way you're facing a current fear, loss, or uncertainty in your life right now?

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MESSAGE

1. God is sovereign and in control, even when everything looks out of control. He has never lied to us, and everything He has said will happen.

2. Daniel 12 points to a future time of terrible persecution under the Antichrist, especially against God's people. Even then, God is still in control, and Michael will arise on behalf of Israel.

3. Those written in the Book of Life will be rescued, not necessarily from physical death, but from the second death and eternal judgment.

4. Daniel 12:2 points to a physical resurrection. Believers will be raised to everlasting life, while unbelievers will be raised to judgment.

5. The wise are not the people with the highest IQ. Wisdom is seen in how we respond to life and the choices we make before God.

6. A true believer's life should produce fruit and point others to Christ through the way we live, serve, give, and speak.

7. Daniel was told to seal the book so God's Word would be preserved exactly as it was given until the prophecies were fulfilled.

8. As more prophecy is fulfilled, our understanding increases. We can know things today that Daniel could not have possibly known in his time.

9. Evil may seem to win the day, but it cannot take believers from their eternal destiny with Jesus. In the end, death is swallowed up in victory through Christ

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

amad (aw-mad´); to be at a stand (an action of military involvement)

Sakal (saw-kal´); to be (or act) circumspect, prudently, intelligent:—show intelligenceå

QUOTES

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Firm Foundation (He Won't)
How Deep The Father's Love For Us
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