DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Pastor Mark reminds us that no matter the magnitude of our struggles on earth, they are temporary. Why is it sometimes difficult to keep an eternal perspective when we're facing something painful or uncertain? What does it look like to live with eternity in mind?

- Jesus gives a solemn oath that the Tribulation will last only a set amount of time. What does this reveal about God's control over even the darkest events in history? How do we reconcile truth with the suffering He allows His people to endure?

Daniel received incredible insight into God's plan but still didn't fully understand everything he was shown. How do we respond when God doesn't give us the answers or clarity we're looking for? Where is the line between seeking understanding and learning to trust Him with what we don't know?

- Daniel 12:10 tells us that God's people will be refined and purified through trials, while the wicked will continue in wickedness. Why do you think suffering can draw some people closer to God while pushing others further away? What does our response to difficult circumstances reveal about where our faith really stands?

- Daniel was assured that he would enter into rest and rise again to receive his inheritance. How might our lives look different if we truly lived with the confidence that our eternal future is secure? What are some things we tend to hold onto too tightly because we lose sight of that promise?

- Pastor Mark closed with the hope that God's truth would be passed on to future generations. What does it look like for our faith to have an impact that lasts beyond our own lifetime? What are the things we want others to understand about God because of the way we've lived?

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NH MESSAGE

1. No matter the magnitude of the struggles we face here on earth, they are temporary. God has us for all eternity if we are in a relationship with Him.

2. Even the angels don't know everything and are personally interested in God's plan of redemption. They ask Jesus how long it will be until the end of these astonishing events.

3. Jesus gives a solemn oath that the horrors of the Antichrist will last only 3½ years. Even this time of great distress is under God's control and will not be exceeded.

4. When the power of the Jewish people is broken and all seems lost, they will cry out to God and receive Jesus as Messiah. The Lord will personally intervene and bring the Tribulation to an end.

5. Daniel doesn't fully understand what he's been shown, but he's told to go on with his life and not be concerned about his lack of knowledge. These prophecies will be preserved for those living in the end times, when their meaning will become clearer.

6. God's people will be refined and purified through the trials they endure, while the wicked will continue to increase in wickedness. Those who are wise in God's Word will understand where it's all headed.

7. The Great Tribulation begins when the Antichrist abolishes worship of God and sets up the abomination of desolation in the Temple. The 1,290 days give those enduring this time a way to know when their deliverance is coming.

8. Those who reach the 1,335 days are called blessed. This may mark the beginning of Christ's thousand-year reign on earth, when believers will enter His millennial kingdom.

9. Daniel is assured that he will enter into rest and rise again to receive his inheritance. Like Daniel, those who die with faith in Jesus can look forward to their eternal reward with confidence.

10. Jesus is our consolation of hope, giving us the confidence to look toward eternity.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Tsaw-raw´; tightness (trouble) :— adversity, affliction, anguish, tribulation

Palaʾ (paw-law´); to be (make) great, difficult, wonderful :— hidden, things too high, marvelous (things, work), wondrous (things, works)

"Well shall it be for us if in the end of our days we too are able to depart hence with such consolation of hope!"

- **Carl Friedrich Keil - 1857**

TODAY'S WORSHIP

My Beloved
God So Loved
Be Thou My Vision
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

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