

## THE HOPE OF THE SON OF MAN (DANIEL 7:1-28)

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Jesus loved this passage so much?
2. Have you ever studied apocalyptic parts of the Bible before (such as the second half of Daniel or the book of Revelation)? If so, were you encouraged, confused, or something else by your study? How might keeping the purpose of apocalyptic literature in mind help us as we approach these parts of the Bible?
3. What does the vision of the four beasts coming out of the sea (vv. 1-8) unmask about our day today?
4. Pastor Chad said that God's Kingdom (vv. 9-14) stands in stark contrasts to the kingdoms of the earth (vv. 1-8). What difference do you notice in the text?
5. Daniel is not immediately encouraged by this vision. He was more focused on the chaos of the fourth beast than the hope of the scene in heaven. Can you relate to this? What suffering or evil in our present day is currently grabbing your attention?  
- Follow-up question: How can you practically get your eyes up onto Jesus, to give you hope in the midst of that this week?
6. Which of the 3 truths of the angel's response to Daniel (vv. 23-27) stuck out to you? Why?
7. In Matthew 24, Jesus talks about his second coming, where he will fulfill Daniel 7 completely. In verse 44, he says, "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Are you ready for Jesus to return tomorrow? How would you live your life differently if you lived aware to this reality that this could happen at any moment?
8. How can we pray for you this week?