

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 9th August 2020
Sermon Title: A family devoted to: prayer
Bible Passage: Acts 2:41-42 & Daniel 9: 1-20

Recapping the Preach

Take time to read the passage again, perhaps read it a few times from different versions.
Stu drew out four main points to reflect on from Daniel's prayer

- 1) The promises of God propel Daniel into prayer and provide kindling for his intercession.
- 2) Adoration and praise is threaded through Daniel's prayer which stirs our faith in prayer.
- 3) Daniel's prayer is saturated with confession.
- 4) At the heart of Daniel's prayer is a desire for the Lord to restore His fame and honour.

Some questions for reflection:

- What stands out to you the most in Daniel's prayer?
- What promises of God are you focusing on at the moment and how are they motivating you to pray?
- What aspects of God's character does Daniel appeal to? Why?
- Why do you think Daniel confesses the sins of the whole nation? Think about our nation and church - what corporate sins do you think need to be confessed?
- What do you think is the main request of the prayer?

Response

- Is there anything from the preach and passage that you will be taking away to reflect on or work on?

Prayer pointers

- Select a promise from Scripture and spend time praying this promise.
- Focus on the character and nature of God revealed in that promise and thank God for His goodness.
- Spend time in confession - seeking the forgiving grace of God.
- Pray that God's name would be honoured and revered.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>