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Mission Group Discussion Questions

Series: Daniel, Living for God in a Pagan World
Title: God's Sovereignty Over the Nations (Part 1)
Passage: Daniel 11:1-27
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Discussion Starter – What can we learn about our God in these verses that present 135 specific details about future actions of nations and their rulers? How is our God different from the gods of the nations?

Read Daniel 11:1-4

1. What is forecast about the future rulers of the Medo-Persian Empire? Who, from history, were these rulers?

2. Who is the "mighty king" of verse 3? What is the fate of his empire?

3. When the Bible speaks of "4 winds" why is typically in view? How is this kingdom divided? Who are the initial rulers of each region?

Read Daniel 11:5-19

4. Why is Daniel given such detailed information on these events as opposed to events in Africa, Europe, or Asia? Why does the scope quickly narrow on the kingdoms of the South and the North?

    a. Whose future and what place is God concerned with?

5. What is the approximate date of the development of the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures)? Why is this dating important when we consider the details of these prophecies?

6. How do you think this message was meant to affect the Jewish people? What was to be their best "take-away"?

    a. How does God's ability to foretell these events impact your desire to walk in His ways?

    b. What responsibility falls upon those who know and understand God's plan for man's future?

Read Daniel 11:20-24

7. Describe some of the deceit and intrigue that is predicted in these verses.

8. Is deceit and intrigue still common in the governments of men? What can we learn about our own relationship with God as we see His appointed leaders walking in error?

    a. Have you observed deceit, gossip, jealousy,…? How had God worked in those circumstances for His purposes?

Read Proverbs 14:34

9. What does God call us to despite the character and behavior of our political leaders?

10. What areas of your life can you control? What impact do individual godly decisions have on your family? Your church? Your city? Your nation?

    a. How do you demonstrate your allegiance to the Lordship of Jesus while living under the laws and customs our nation?