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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- Who has been influential in teaching you how to pray? What have you learned from them?
- Read *Daniel 9:1-19*. What is the background to Daniel's prayer (cf. 2 Chr. 36:20-21; Jer. 25:1-14)? What motivates Daniel's prayer (see Jer. 29:10-14)?
- What are ways Daniel addresses God in his prayer? What aspects of God's character and nature does Daniel highlight?
- How does Daniel describe his people's sins? How and why does he include himself (e.g., 9:20)?
- What specifically does Daniel request? Why can he do this?
- Read Daniel 9:20-27. If you were Daniel, what might you be thinking and feeling upon receiving another visit from Gabriel?
- What must happen in the seventy "sevens"? What different events will happen in the seven "sevens," the sixty-two "sevens," and the one "seven"? Which may refer to the time of Daniel, the time of Jesus, a time to come, or a combination of these?
- What reassurance would Gabriel's message provide Daniel and his contemporaries? How does it reassure us?
- How does your own study of Scripture inspire and guide how you pray and for what you pray?
- What should be the role of our confession of corporate sins in the Church today? How might we do this better?
- What specifics aspects of Daniel's prayer can be a model for your own prayers? How will you incorporate this into your times of prayer? How can your small group or others support you in this?

^{*}Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.