

DEFINING MOMENTS

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

SERMON NOTES

November 24, 2024

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

“The Perfect Ending”

Defining Moments: “The Perfect Ending”

Prayer and prophecy are designed for us to _____ and _____
.[Daniel 8-11]

- Prayer and prophecy _____ us to _____ the life Jesus offers.
(John 3:16; 1 John 4:1-4)

The perfect ending includes _____, _____, and _____.
[Daniel 12:1-4, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:4-6]

- The rapture, tribulation, and resurrection are realities that will bring everyone _____.

We live in the _____, and we are to _____ for Him.
[Daniel 12:3; Matthew 5:14-16]

- Five ways to shine brightly: [Jeremiah 29:5-14]
 - Live life as well as you can (be a wise witness)
 - Seek the shalom (yours and theirs)
 - Ignore the lies (turn off the noise)
 - Trust God’s truth (turn up the truth)
 - Pray and search for God (put God first)

Next Step Questions:

- Will you give thanks today that God has the perfecting ending for all of us through Christ?
- Will you live out the five ways to shine brightly?
- Will you decide to believe, receive, and follow Jesus today?

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Pathway Group Discussion Questions:

Note: 1, and 6-7 are general questions asked at Pathway weekly.

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. Read Daniel 10:10-13. Daniel had visions in chapters 8-9 and demonstrated a posture of prayer and prophecy. How do these verses point us to the priority and power of prayer? How would you describe your prayer life?
 - Note: Pastor Brian connected the dots on why we start every new year with a 21-day time of prayer and fasting. Have you participated in the past? Will you participate in 2025 (Jan. 6-27)?
3. Read Daniel 12:1-4. These verses show us that God has a plan for Israel and for a perfect ending with His people (Jew and Gentile). How does His rescue and reward encourage you today?
4. Pastor Brian pointed out that we are all to shine bright for Him. Read Matthew 5:14-16. How does Jesus call us to shine and what does this mean in your day-to-day life?
5. We finished our “defining moment series” on Daniel by looking at “Five ways to shine brightly” based on Jeremiah 29:5-14 (these were given to Daniel and God’s people ahead of their exile in the book of Daniel). Review them and discuss how to apply them in your own life:
 - Live life as well as you can (be a wise witness)
 - Seek the shalom (yours and theirs)
 - Ignore the lies (turn off the noise)
 - Trust God’s truth (turn up the truth)
 - Pray and search for God (put God first)
6. How did you answer the next step questions this week?
 - Will you give thanks today that God has the perfecting ending for all of us through Christ?
 - Will you live out the five ways to shine brightly?
 - Will you decide to believe, receive, and follow Jesus today?
7. How can we pray for you and support you this week?

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November 10 – November 16, 2024

FINANCIALS

Here is the weekly General giving:

\$36,471 down 4.0% to budget for W/E 11/16/24

\$1,634,668 down 3.8% to budget for Year to Date

-\$61,620 Net Revenue after including other income through October 2024

\$230,039 for Missions or 15.0% of General Giving YTD through October 2024

CONNECT

Total Worship Attendance: 1016

Online: 55

TWC Attendance Sunday: 604

Kids Sunday: 120

Students: 237

GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 82

Discipleship Groups: 500

Salvations (YTD): 104

SERVE

People Fed at Food Pantry: 51

Weekly Volunteers: 145