

Growth Group Bible Study

“Being a Daniel Generation” Sermon Series
Serious Prayer



November 11, 2018

Reading Daniel 9:1-19

Study

1. Sometimes Christians feel that prayer must be specifically worded or narrowed in on an exact issue. What importance do specific words have when making appeals to God?
2. As Daniel prays, he makes a distinction between the sinfulness of the community he is a part of and the holiness of Whom he is praying to. Why is this an important detail to be aware of?
3. Throughout the entire passage, there is not a single question mark. Daniel only makes statements to the Lord and does not ask questions. What does this tell us about Daniel and the way he prays?
4. In verse 12 Daniel mentions that the Lord has brought about great disaster. Daniel does not criticize the Lord for bringing about hardship. Why not?
5. In verse 16, Daniel says that the sin of the Lord's people has caused them to be the scorn of other people. Do you think that Christians today have brought about any of the resentment that non-Christians feel for them? If so, why?

6. In verse 17 Daniel asks the Lord to respond to their plea for help for His own sake. Why would Daniel suggest that “our help” is for God’s own sake?

7. As you consider Daniel 9:1-19, are you motivated to pray any differently? If so, in what way?

8. What can a Christian do if he or she feels like his/her prayer life is lacking?