

Questions to Ponder -- Daniel 8
Suffering and Hope and a New King

1. Would you like to know your children's future? Why or why not?

Read Daniel 8:1-8 – The Ram (Sheep) and the Goat

Pastor Brian said, *“This is an image of powerful people tromping all over the world so they can take what they want without any regard to the suffering of the people.”*

2. Have you had a time in your life where you just get tromped and tromped? Did you feel like giving up hope?

Read Daniel 8:9-12 – Another little horn

Pastor Brian said, *“This is an image of Daniel's home country being torn apart, friends and family killed, and the temple of God replace with the worship of a beast.”*

3. How does seeing the future make Daniel feel?

Read Daniel 8:13-14 – Holy Ones Ask “How Long?”

4. How does God feel about suffering?

Read Daniel 8:15-26 – Gabriel Explains

5. What do you think about how accurately the Bible predicted the future?

6. Why does God allow evil to cause suffering?

7. What should be the church's response to suffering?

Read Daniel 8:27 – Serving the King

8. What are you doing to ease people's suffering?