## The Road Ahead Daniel 11:2-45

To believe the Bible means to likewise believe that the rise and fall of nations and their leaders is preordained and brought about by (both good and evil) and struggles of which we are unaware.
Discussion 1. There is not an evil empire, nor a wicked dictator, nor a presidential election which God does not use to accomplish His purposes in this world. How does that reality affect how you approach national politics and political seasons such as we are in right now?
The miracle of God's sovereignty is not that He can somehow impose His ultimate will on us; it is that we, in all our brokenness, can operate completely out of our sinful wills and He will still His through it.
Discussion 2. Have you experienced God's sovereignty over your own bad decisions? Is there a rebellious or otherwise poor decision that you have made in your life that God was nonetheless able to use to accomplish His purposes?
The God Who is undefeated and whose prophetic Word is absolutely perfect so far in history has made some amazing promises to you and me. Let that you today.
Discussion 3. If God's Word says it, does that really settle the matter for you? What has your journey to surrender to the truth of God's Word looked like for you?
There is something positive about circumstances that cause God's people to refocus on what matters. Long after this pandemic is gone, long after governments and nations are gone, we will be left with the decisions we made about God. Because, when it is all over,
Discussion 4. How has your understanding of God changed through the course of this pandemic? How has it helped you find a focus that will help during the next big crisis?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?