

## **It Gets Worse Before it Gets Better**

### **Daniel 7:1-28**

*Scripture reveals that God's view of any government, kingdom or political system which ignores or rebels against Him is devoid of humanity, a mere beast which \_\_\_\_\_ and, eventually, itself.*

**Discussion 1. Does the fact that every man-made government, kingdom or empire (including our own) is temporary encourage you or discourage you? Why?**

*For the Christ follower, the words that change everything, the words that bring every hardship and every terror to an end, the words to which we cling for our ultimate hope, and the only words that ultimately matter in a broken world are: "\_\_\_\_\_."*

**Discussion 2. How has your faith in God and your reliance on His presence changed during this Coronavirus season?**

*In the midst of a global pandemic, a crippled economy, and a frustratingly divisive year of political decisions, we are reminded (yet again) of the brokenness of this world. God says, "Be still and know that I am God." Where is your \_\_\_\_\_?*

**Discussion 3. Have there already been circumstances or conversations where your hope and faith in God has been a comfort to someone else during this pandemic? Are there relationships or circumstances where you anticipate your hope and faith in God may be helpful to someone?**

*Praying "thy kingdom come" from within these current circumstances seems like an insurmountable obstacle to us. But, to God, the path to glory has always been paved with \_\_\_\_\_. In scripture, the two are almost inseparable.*

**Discussion 4. When you think about following Christ all the way to the cross, what does that mean to you? Do you hope you are here in this world when Jesus returns? Why or why not?**

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