

Prayer that Availeth Much Daniel 9:1-23

Those of us with secular jobs may imagine a tension between that work and God's assignments for us, but that is a false duality. Our _____ to _____ and our faithfulness to our work go hand in hand. The work is part of God's assignment for us.

Discussion 1. Do you find it easy or difficult to think of your job as an assignment from God? How has COVID-19 affected your answer?

The kind of daily repentance to which we as the church are called acknowledges the brokenness of this world as well as our own participation in that brokenness. Yes, it is broken. _____.

Discussion 2. In our confessions, why do you suppose it is so difficult for us to include ourselves in the brokenness of this world? How does our culture press us to compare ourselves to others rather than comparing ourselves to God's Word?

The kind of prayer that changes, well, everything, is prayer from a broken and contrite heart. It comes from a right view of a _____ self and a right view of a _____ God.

Discussion 3. How does your study of the Bible help your prayer life? How does your prayer life, impact how you study the Bible?

The Christian who sees prayer (and the gatherings to do it) as insignificant or ineffective does not really understand God. The Christian who sees prayer as the _____ of the work of the church, on the other hand, has God's full attention.

Discussion 4. God sent Gabriel to tell Daniel he was loved. How does God send that message to you? How does He make you feel loved?

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