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## **Prayers for a People** Daniel 9:1-23

Over time, prayer and Bible study as spiritual disciplines in our lives creates a kind of spiritual gravitas in us. The world reads this as \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; God reads it as friendship with Him.

Discussion 1. The disciplines of Prayer and Bible Study deepen our spiritual walk and produce spiritual fruit in us. Why does the world see this fruit as wisdom and/or humility? How is that helpful to our testimony to them?

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. Corporate confession can be an unhealthy thing (finger pointing) or a healthy thing (including myself); how do you go about checking your own heart to see whether your attitude is healthy or unhealthy? Describe how that process works for you.

Effective prayers for a nation (or for a church or for any other people group) are not so that we can thrive, nor even survive; rather, they are so that God's \_\_\_\_\_ can be \_\_\_\_\_. In our prayers, intent matters.

Discussion 3. When it comes to asking God for things, praying that His name will be glorified definitely changes how we pray. Can you think of an example of something you are praying about right now (or have prayed about recently) and how it would sound to pray that God's name be glorified?

The Christian who sees prayer (and the gatherings to do it) as insignificant 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?