

BEYOND SUNDAY

Under Pressure — 11.23.24

We Know How It Ends — *Daniel 7* — Mark Turney

- 1. Read Daniel 7:1–8.** The vision of the four beasts would have been frightening and confusing. **What emotions or thoughts do you imagine Daniel felt seeing these creatures?** How do you relate to this picture when you think about the “beastly” pressures in today’s world?
- 2. In Daniel 7:9–10, God is revealed as the “Ancient of Days.”** When you picture this courtroom scene, **what stands out most to you, and why?** How does this vision challenge or comfort you regarding who is truly in charge of history?
- 3. Read Daniel 7:13–14.** This is one of the clearest Old Testament glimpses of Jesus. **How does it shape your understanding of Jesus as King—not just Savior?** Where in your life is it hardest to live as though Jesus truly reigns?
- 4. Daniel 7:15–18 says that “the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom.”** What does it mean to you that **God intends His people to reign with Christ forever?** How might that future reality affect the way you endure pressure today?

- 5. Pastor Mark said, "We know how it all ends."** Think of a time when knowing the ending (like a movie or game) changed the way you experienced it. **How does knowing the ultimate victory of Christ change the way you walk through stress, uncertainty, or fear?**

- 6. Read Daniel 7:12.** The beasts lose their authority, yet "their lives are prolonged for a season." **Where do you see evidence in our culture that evil still operates—yet no longer truly reigns?** How can this perspective help you avoid despair or cynicism?

- 7. Daniel was disturbed by his vision (7:15) yet remained faithful. What faithful practices help you stay rooted when the world feels unstable?** Which of those practices do you want to strengthen?

- 8. Read John 16:33.** Jesus promises both **trouble** and **peace**. Which part of this verse feels more real to you right now—and why? How can your group pray for you to experience Christ's peace?

- 9. Mark's sermon emphasized living with calm courage because "the battle has already been won." Where do you feel tempted to panic, defend yourself, or take control instead of resting in Christ's victory?** What would it look like to walk through that situation "knowing how it ends"?