

CONNECT Group study questions for Feb. 24, 2019

Title: "Don't Try to Play God"

1. Daniel 7 and 8 teach us that the pattern of history is the rise and fall of nations until Jesus returns. Nations rise, and nations fall. And the world goes on as does God's plan.

- According to Daniel and Pastor Peppy's sermons, why does God allow nations to rise and then fall?

- What should we as Christians learn from the "churn" of nations? How should this change the way we understand our own time? Our own country? Our heavenly citizenship?

2. Daniel himself lived through a terrible churn in history. He saw his country destroyed, God's temple destroyed, and many of his friends and family murdered or enslaved, all at the hands of men who wanted to be God. For most of us our times have not been nearly so terrible, but we have all experienced the terrible ups and downs of life.

- Share with the group a time when you experienced the terrible ups and downs of life.

- How should we as Christians think about the ups and downs of life?

3. One of the reasons that Daniel and his friends were spiritually successful is because they grew into godly people who know how to patiently endure the ups and downs of life.

- What did Daniel and his friends do when difficult times came their way?

- What steps can we take to grow into people like that, people who endure difficult times with grace and faith?