



Today, we wrap up our series on the Book of Daniel. Throughout this study, we've focused on the first six chapters of Daniel's life as an exile in Babylon. The final six chapters of the Book of Daniel could be an entire series focusing on prophecy. After all, chapters 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 speak about Daniel's various visions of the end of time. The most helpful thing we can do with this subject matter of these final chapters is to go to a specific passage in Daniel 12 which refers to the Great Tribulation. Each week of this series, we've encouraged you to make a commitment that connects with each passage we've studied. Today, our final commitment for this study is: I Will Live for Eternity.

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 12:1-4

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, what encouraged or challenged you the most?
2. Our final "Life Commitment" for this series is "I Will Live for Eternity." What does it mean to live with this focus? How would you rate your eternity focus on a scale from 1–10?
3. What distracts us from living with eternity in mind? When are you most likely to reflect on the hope of eternity and most desire its arrival?
4. Read Daniel 12:1-4 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What do these verses teach us about eternity? How do they encourage you? How do they serve as a sobering reminder?
5. Everyone you've ever known will end up in one of two places when they die: Heaven or Hell. With this reality in mind, how can we begin to live with a greater concern for the salvation of others?
6. Throughout the Book of Daniel, we get more than one glimpse of Daniel's commitment to prayer. On a scale from 1–10, how would you rate the quality of your prayer life? Why was an active prayer life important to Daniel, and why should it be important to us?
7. How should Daniel 12 lead us to focus our prayer life on matters of eternity? How can we make prayer a more significant part of our small group experience?
8. Reflecting on Daniel's life, what were some practical things he did that we could apply in our own lives as we, in a sense, live as exiles in a world that isn't our eternal home?