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### Prayer of Intercession – Prophetic Insight ... Dan 9

I. Daniel's \_\_\_\_\_ ... (vs. 1-2)  
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- a. We are \_\_\_\_\_
- b. God is \_\_\_\_\_

III. God's \_\_\_\_\_ ... (vs. 20-23)

IV. God's \_\_\_\_\_ ... (vs. 24-27)

6 purposes for God's prophetic agenda

1. The finishing of \_\_\_\_\_
2. The making an \_\_\_\_\_
3. The making of \_\_\_\_\_ for iniquity
4. The bringing in of everlasting \_\_\_\_\_
5. The sealing up of vision and \_\_\_\_\_
6. The anointing of the \_\_\_\_\_

### My Takeaway ...

1. The right response for our waywardness is always to \_\_\_\_\_ our sins and rest in His righteous act that judged our sin and provides \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Daniel 9 reminds us that if you've written a book of the Bible and lived a seemingly righteous life, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are crucial to understanding God's plan.

1. Define forgiveness. What is required for forgiveness to be given? Allow for several answers. What would you require in order to forgive someone who wronged you?
2. Below are Scriptures that instruct us on the matter of sin and forgiveness. What can we learn from the following Scripture?
 

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How is forgiveness from God linked to our forgiveness to others? Did you discover any other conditions of forgiveness?
3. Talk through the story of King David and his sin with Bathsheba. What details about the story do you recall? Now read Psalm 51. How had sin affected him? How did he feel the affects of sin? As he confessed his sin, what was his expected results? What was going to be resolved? Because of his confession, what was his resolve? What was he going to do?
4. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
  - a. Which is the bigger problem in our day: Christians who suffer from guilt or those who have no sense of guilt, even when they violate God's standards?
  - b. Is there anything we can do to make unbelievers who are content in their sins feel their desperate condition before God?
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### Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

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- III. God's **Messenger** ... (vs. 20-23)
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