



# Daniel 9: Humble confession to a God of mercy

## Sunday 10th July



2. God's prophecy of completion (v.20-25)



#### Questions to discuss and pray through this week

How has prayer sustained you in your life over the years? What has God taught you?

#### Read Daniel 9:1-19 - Daniel's prayer of confession

Think about how you've prayed over the past month. What have you prayed about? Does sorry seem to be the hardest word?

Daniel appeals to God's mercy for the sin of the nation. How would you describe the mercy of God? Why is it so precious to us?

Are there things you think the UK church needs to confess to God at the moment? What about PBC? How might we take collective responsibility for sin, as Daniel did on behalf of the nation?

If Jesus is continually praying for us (see Romans 8:34), what do you think he might be praying for you, and for our church, right now?

### Read Daniel 9:20-25 - God's prophecy of completion

Daniel prayed in line with God's word (see v.2), and God answered quickly (v.23). What do you think Jesus meant when he said: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" (John 15:7)?

Why did Daniel and the Jews hope that a return to Jerusalem would complete God's rescue in their lives? Why was this not the ultimate solution (remember Ezra!)?

What sorts of things do we often think can solve our earthly problems?

Why can only Jesus Christ complete God's salvation plan for us??