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Chapter 9

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Ready your heart: Ask the Father to give you insight into His Word as you prepare your heart in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit.

Read: Carefully read the chapter in Daniel.

Reflect: In the remaining space, jot down any initial observations that encourage your heart, stir your faith, or expose your need for Jesus' redeeming work.



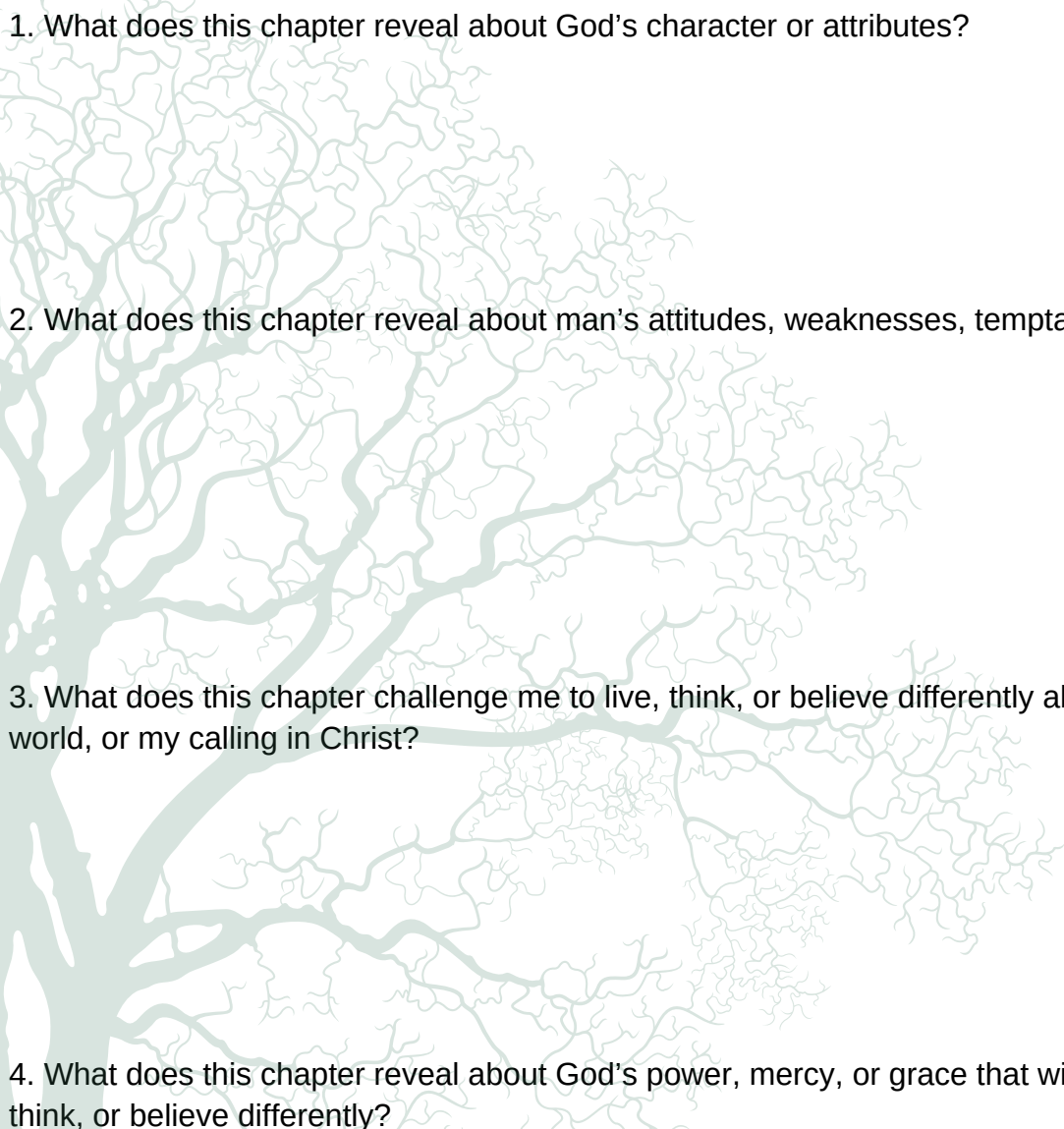
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1. What does this chapter reveal about God's character or attributes?
 2. What does this chapter reveal about man's attitudes, weaknesses, temptations, or sins?
 3. What does this chapter challenge me to live, think, or believe differently about God, myself, my world, or my calling in Christ?
 4. What does this chapter reveal about God's power, mercy, or grace that will enable me to live, think, or believe differently?

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Read: Carefully read this chapter in The Gospel According to Daniel.

Reflect: In the remaining space below, jot down what appear to be the main ideas of the chapter, especially noting section headings and the major concepts that either confuse you or encourage your heart.



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Read: Carefully read this chapter in The Gospel According to Daniel, (or quickly skim if you've already read) this chapter in The Gospel According to Daniel (GAtD).

Reflect: Answer the questions below based on the content of the chapter.

1. Chapter 9 invites us to consider how the people of God have a kind of corporate responsibility in our "spiritual union" with one another. Chapell says it this way:

Capturing the essence of our spiritual union is the African saying, "I am because we are." This is a key reason we are compelled to live for one another. But how far should we go with this living for one another? Should we rejoice with those who rejoice? Yes. Weep with those who weep? Yes. Should we sacrifice for one another? That is harder, but we know the answer is yes. What about this: Should we confess one another's sin? Should we in some way share the load of mutual failings in corporate repentance? Is it possible that we have not repented as we should unless we have repented corporately?

What is your initial reaction to the final question in the quote above? How does Daniel 9 and Chapell's reflections on it encourage or challenge your initial reaction?

2. What are the possible reasons for why Daniel repeatedly says "we" when confessing the sins of Israel? Which reason makes the most sense and why?

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3. How does Paul admonition to “bear one another’s burdens” in light of confessing sins take on new meaning in light of Chapell’s reflections on pages 158-161? What are some of the practical implications of this in our present culture and in your sphere of influence?

4. Chapell encourages us to realize that not only is confession not “just about me” but likewise petition (what or who we pray for) as reflected in Daniel 9 is “not just about me.” For whom and for what should we pray? Is this reflected in your prayer life? Why or why not?

5. The final section of this chapter reflects on how salvation is also “not just about me” as Daniel looks forward with the help of the prophet Jeremiah’s writing to God’s saving work in the future. Chapell offers “in general” and “in particular” promises of coming person and work of Jesus the Messiah. Write the observations that stick out to you the most in the space below.

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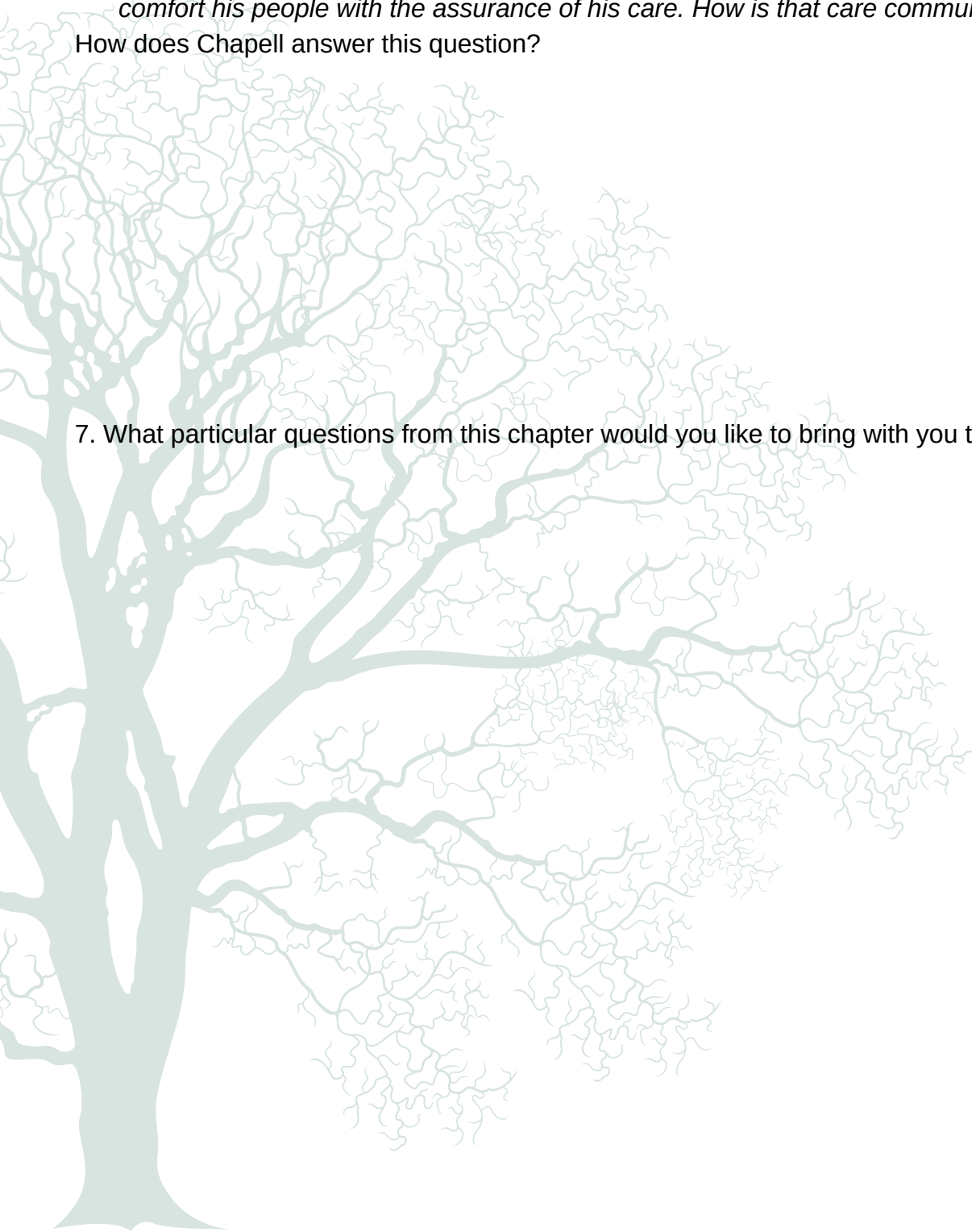
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6. Chapell writes:

What we know for sure is that Daniel's prophecy is provided in the context of a hurting people who need help. God does not give the vision to vex us with the limitations of our wisdom but to comfort his people with the assurance of his care. How is that care communicated?

How does Chapell answer this question?

7. What particular questions from this chapter would you like to bring with you to your small group?



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Read: Read back through your notes and observations from the week's study.

Reflect: In the remaining space below, write down things that particularly challenged or confused you in the readings this week that you could relay to your small group, as well as prayer requests and praises you wish to pass on to the group, and any additional insights that you've learned along the way.

