Daniel: God's survival manual "the climax of history" Daniel 2:28b-49

Being on the winning team...

1. This world's kingdoms are passing (v28b-43)

Passing...

and yet legitimate

2. Jesus' kingdom is permanent (v44-49)

Confrontational...

and yet gradual

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Where we invest our energy and resources reveals what we believe is ultimately going to last and reward us. If someone examined our lives what would they conclude we believe is going to last?
- 2. CS Lewis said: "All that is not eternal is eternally out of date." In what areas are we tempted to think that our culture's particular beliefs are irrefutable? How can we be sure a belief will not go out of date?
- 3. Are we tempted to think that our primary loyalty to God means we don't have to give our boss as much respect or serve him as energetically as we might have done? What have we forgotten?
- 4. Are we inclined to present Jesus as one religious option among many? Why is that misleading?
- 5. "The stone...became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." How does knowing where history is heading help us to be hopeful and patient when things look bleak?