

***Helpful Information:** For this homework (and any to come), you may find [www.thebibleproject.com](http://www.thebibleproject.com) to be a helpful resource for you.*

### Quick Review:

In his message, Mark provided eight insights that can help us when we find ourselves facing the impossible in our own lives. What are these eight things? Which one can help you the most right now?

### My Story:

1. Have you ever had a puzzling, off the wall, or reoccurring dream? If you'd like to, share with your group members.
2. Describe a moment when God made something clear to you that was previously muddled. What did it feel like?

### Digging Deeper:

1. Read Daniel 2:17-23.
  - What does this passage reveal about God? How do you come to those conclusions?

*Possible answers could include: God hears and responds to our prayers, He is the One who reveals mysteries, He is the source of wisdom and power, etc.*

*If possible, have people point to specific verses that point them to the conclusions they make about God's character.*

- In what way does God speak to Daniel in this passage? Why do you think He chose to communicate in that way? How does He choose to communicate with us today? Is it any different from how He chose to do it then? Why or why not?

*In Daniel's case, God chose to reveal the mystery through a vision; the question of whether or not God still speaks through dreams and visions today may spark some debate in your group.*

*That's okay. Don't feel as if you need to come to a collective agreement on this one – it's just beneficial to discuss it.*

- Much of the content in verses 20-23 is similar to that found in the Psalms. Why might that be? What does this tell us about how we should respond to answered prayers?
2. In Daniel 2:44, God reveals through Daniel that He will establish a new kingdom that will be above all other kingdoms, and last forever. Answer the following questions with this verse in mind.
- Have a group member read 2 Samuel 7:1-17.
    - How does this relate to Daniel 2:44? What does God promise David in these verses?

*These verses in 2 Samuel, God promises King David that he will provide him a descendent (Solomon). This descendant's throne will be established by God, and will last forever. The relationship between both of these verses is within the mentioning of the kingdom that God will sustain forever.*

- Have another group member read Matthew 1:1-17.
  - In what way does this genealogy show God follow through on the promise he made to David back in 2 Samuel? How is a fulfillment of what God revealed in Daniel 2:44?

*The genealogy presented here shows that God did fulfill the promise He made to David. David's son, Solomon, went on to continue his line, which ultimately led to Jesus. This kingdom of which Jesus is Lord, is the same one mentioned in Daniel 2:44.*

3. In various places in Scripture, things that have not yet been revealed by God are referred to as mysteries. Two instances of this occur in Daniel 2:18 and Ephesians 3:1-5. In both of these instances, God provides clarity.
- In light of this, what practical steps do these verses provide in regards to what we should do when we need to find clarity?

*Possible answers may include: Going to God for wisdom, having friends join you in prayer, and trusting God to answer in His own way and according to His own timeline.*

### Taking It Home:

4. What stood out to you from this passage? How can you apply that knowledge specifically to your life?
5. How can you better prepare your heart in the coming week to hear God speak?