

Sept. 6, 2020 — Small Group Questions

Read Daniel 9:1-19

1. In all likelihood, Daniel took for himself King Solomon's words from 1 Kings 8 to pray towards Jerusalem whenever the people of Israel find themselves in exile. What does a posture of exilic prayer, a disposition of exilic attentiveness and urgency look like for us Christians today?
2. In verses 4-14, Daniel confesses the sins of his people out of faith in the unchanging character of God. Why is it imperative for us Christians to confess our sins to God even though we already know we are forgiven in Jesus Christ?
3. In verses 15-19, Daniel makes his request for God to take His people out of exile, out of hope in God's promise to rescue and restore. How should we as Christians make our requests and intercessions before God in light of His promises in Jesus Christ?
4. Daniel understood that there is no restoration without the confession and forgiveness of sins. As part of the Anglican Church of Canada, we have our institutional and historic sins to confess and from which to repent. What ways and how are we to acknowledge and repent from the atrocities of the residential school systems that were set up against the Indigenous Peoples of Canada?