## **WARM-UP QUESTION**

Who's the first person you usually call when you have good news or bad news, and why?

## **DISCUSS**

Have two or three people read **Daniel 9:1-19** out loud.

- What's your impression of Daniel based on what you've just read?
- Go back through Daniel's prayer in verses 4-19, reading 2-3 verses at a time. Pause after each grouping to talk through the following questions: (1) What do you notice in these 2-3 verses? (2) How do they challenge or inspire you in how you relate to God?
- Daniel used the word "we" in his prayer, even though he wasn't guilty of many of the sins he
  confessed. How likely would you be to own up to someone else's wrongdoing? How does
  Daniel's example challenge you in this way?

## Have someone read Daniel 9:20-23.

- In verse 23, Gabriel tells Daniel, "You are very precious to God." Has anyone ever said those
  words or something similar to you? How does it make you feel to know that God really feels
  that way about you? (If you have time, read Ephesians 2:10 for more on how God views you,
  and discuss what stands out.)
- How do you typically approach God in prayer?
- What do you like about your current approach? What do you wish were different?
- As you reflect on all the verses you've just read in Daniel 9, has your perspective on prayer changed? If yes, how so?

## **RESPOND**

- When it comes to your prayer life this week, what is one thing you sense God asking you to do? When will you do it?
- Take some time to pray as a group right now. Acknowledge God for who He is, confess anything that may have surfaced in your conversation, and ask Him to work in your individual lives as you pray this week.

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at <u>tpcc.org/dbr</u>. Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!