

***LIFEgroup Discussion Questions***

***December 16, 2018***

***God With Us: God With Us In The Fire***

**Text: Daniel 3.1-30**

1. Have you ever experienced a time in your life when you had to make a tough stand for a moral reason, something right, just or one for Jesus? Share a story about a time when you were the only one in a group who did not do something because it seemed wrong to you.
2. How do Daniel and his 3 friends end up in Babylon? What convictions do they keep early on (Daniel 1)?
3. Daniel 3.1-7. Who has gathered at the plain of Dura around the 90 foot tall and 27 foot wide gold statue? What are they to do when the music plays? What will happen if they disobey?
4. Daniel 3.8-18. How does King Nebuchadnezzar respond when he hears some Jews did not fall down and worship his golden statue? What is Shadrach's, Meshach's and Abednego's response? What would be the equivalent of being called together to worship a 90 foot statue in our world today?
5. Daniel 3.19-22. How hot does King Nebuchadnezzar have the furnace set to before throwing Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego into it? What happens to the guards who have to put them in the furnace?
6. Daniel 3.23-30. When King Nebuchadnezzar sees the fire is not burning them up and there is a fourth person in there with them, what happens next? Who is this fourth person? We see here that God is not only for these three men, but He is with them in the fire. How is Jesus, "God with us", in the fire with us initially in salvation and then day to day?
7. How can Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego serve as role models of how to remain faithful in the face of great personal risk? What does it look like to use Shadrach's, Meshach's and Abednego's example of trusting in God's power without a guarantee of safety as a blueprint for living boldly today?

**Pray.**