

DISCUSSIONGUIDE

Faith Through the Furnace (Daniel #3)

Week of **March 24, 2019**

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ICEBREAKER (Optional)

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Read Daniel 3:16-18

1. a. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had faith that God could rescue them from their circumstances, yet trusted God even if He chose not to. Discuss some examples of what it looks like to model this type of faith.

b. Daniel's friends did not waver in their obedience to God or faith in Him, yet, like Daniel, they were respectful to King Nebuchadnezzar. How can Christians today follow this example?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:5

2. Explain how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego displayed faith that did not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.



Read Daniel 3:26-30 & 4:1-3

3. What impact did the faith of Daniel's friends have on King Nebuchadnezzar?

Read Hebrews 11:32-38

4. These verses make note of times that believers were given miraculous rescues by God and times that believers struggled through incredibly difficult circumstances. Why is it helpful for Christians to see these varying examples of God working within the same passage?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

5. In his message, Pastor Erin talked about how we often try to "use" God. Is there an area or circumstance in your life that you feel convicted to surrender in faith to God *no matter what*? If so, what will this look like for you?

MEMORY VERSE

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

PRAYER

Ask God to help us display faith like Daniel's friends in the furnace. Pray we will surrender our lives fully to Christ, no matter the outcome.



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