

stranger

in a strange land

November 11
Whom Shall I Fear
Daniel 3
Community Group Guide

START YOUR TIME

Have there been any moments where you stood up for your faith or shared the Gospel with someone? If so, how was that received?

We have spent the past two weeks talking about Daniel and his friends as they navigated the culture of Babylon. What are some of the similarities and differences about the cultures you have noticed?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

As we get into the Scriptures, it is important for us to see the Bible as real people, real places, and in real time. Please take a few moments to write, draw, or portray what it would have been like for the three men to refuse to bow down to the statue of Nebuchadnezzar. For reference on this please read Daniel 3:1-6.

Please divide your community group into two smaller groups. Please have each group read Daniel 3:7-30 and have them answer the following questions for each passage:

- What observations can you make about the lives of the three men from this passage?
- What do you believe led these three men to respond to this situation the way they did?
- How was Nebuchadnezzar's heart changed from the beginning of the passage to the end of it? What is the significance of this?

WORKING THIS INTO OUR LIVES

Bring the two groups back together and have each group explain their answers. Then in the same groups have them discuss these questions, which deal more with how we apply these truths in our lives:

- What do you believe that God desires for us to learn from the faith of these three men?
- It is clear that the three men desired to honor God more than they were afraid of dying. What are some of the things that we are afraid of or that get put before our desire to honor God?
- These three men did this together. How can we spur each other on toward deeper and stronger faith like them?

Bring the two groups back together again to share what some of the responses were and talk through anything that came up along the way.

TAKING IT TO GOD

Please take time to wrap up your groups in prayer for the things that were mentioned.