HIDDEN THREAD | WEEK 3 Date: March 19, 2023 Verses: Daniel 1-3



## SERIES INSIGHT

When we want to find Jesus and know more about him, we often go to the New Testament as our source. Though a good option, this isn't the *only* place where Jesus can be found! He was there in the beginning and throughout the old covenant. *Hidden Thread* will uncover the "hidden" thread you maybe didn't see before of Jesus throughout the Old Testament.

## ICEBREAKER

- What is one important skill every person should have?
- How would you change your life today if the average life expectancy was 400 years?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. **Review the Message**. Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
- 2. Last week, Des shared that times of refreshing are promised and provided from the Lord, but it requires sacrifice and repentance (see Acts 3:18-20). How was your week this week after "letting go" of the things that you shared were weighing you down, holding you back, or hindering you from experiencing the "times of refreshing"? Did you notice a difference or change as a result?
- 3. When have you been in a situation where you felt the pressure to compromise? In your faith? In your morals?
- 4. When have you put your own comfort over trusting God? When have you put your trust in God over your own comfort? Consider these different approaches. How have they differed in your life?
- 5. Have you felt God's presence in a difficult time? Share an experience with the group.
- 6. In Daniel 3:27 we read "*They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.*" Sometimes the "fire" that we have been through leaves a lasting <u>smoke scent</u> that we can't get rid of. Is there a "smell of fire" that you wish would go away? What can you do about that?
- 7. What did God say to you today? What are you going to do about what you heard?

## PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.

