

Series: Strangers in a Strange Land, a study in Daniel

Sermon: An Exile's Worship

Primary Text: Daniel 3

Discussion Guide:

- Read Daniel 2:31-45.
 - What was the dream the king had and what was its meaning?
- Read Daniel 3:1.
 - Why do you think the king had this statue made in relation to the dream of Daniel 2?
 - What seems to matter most to the king?
- John C. Lennox in his book "Against the Flow" on the book of Daniel, suggests that we take things that are of "relative value" and "absolutize" them. Meaning that we take a thing of relative value and "regard it as the core value that determines [our] attitude towards everything else."
 - In your own words, what is Lennox saying?
 - Based on this concept - what do you think is King Nebuchadnezzar's absolute core value?
- Read the rest of Daniel 3
 - In verses 16-18 what jumps out at you?
 - What does this tell you about the 3 heroes absolute value?
 - In verses 26 - 30
 - What does the king's words about God mean to you?
 - What does his "decree" about threatening people who question God tell you about the king?
- If God is the core value that determines your attitude toward everything else then...
 - What will you fear?
 - Who will you trust? (see Job 13:15 [KJV])
 - Who will you worship? Why do we worship?
 - Who will you obey and why?