



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

“Daniel 3:1-30” on January 30th and February 2nd

DISCOVER: DANIEL 3:1-30

- What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week (in your own words)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage/sermon (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.?)

WRESTLE WITH THIS:

When in your life have you had a moment when you compromised a belief system and didn't know how to get yourself out of the situation, OR found yourself in a situation outside of your control?

- Where did you seek help or comfort, and what was the result of that?
- What have you learned about God from that experience that would be helpful for others?
- Whom has God put in your life that you can depend on?

Daniel 3:1-7 – *Nebuchadnezzar commanded everyone to bow down in worship to the enormous statue he had set up; he wanted everyone to be united in a single focus. Jason explained how we find 'community' in a single focus.*

- Can you recognize moments in your life when you bowed down to the world's temptations to be a part of the 'community', to feel part of the 'whole'? Explain?
- Can you describe how you might have rationalized that choice?
- What have you learned from those experiences that will inform your future choices?

Daniel 3:13-25 – *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to compromise their belief in God and refused to bow down to the statue of gold, resulting in their being bound up and thrown into Nebuchadnezzar's blazing, fiery furnace.*

- Have you ever felt you were in a place you couldn't be rescued or a place so dark God surely couldn't have been there?
- Can you see, looking back, how God worked in that situation with you? How do you respond to that?
- How does that experience help you to encourage others who are struggling with hopelessness?
- How does that shape your view of God's presence in all our circumstances?
- What can we learn from Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's experience in not compromising their belief in God?

Nebuchadnezzar saw a FOURTH person in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! Have you experienced a difficult time when you looked back and KNEW Jesus was right there with you?

- How did that anchor you in God's love and lead you to share that experience with others?
- How did this experience expand your view of God?
- How might this impact the way you spend time with God and connect with others?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

RESPOND

Jason shared that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were rescued in the fire by God, but later experienced death.... but that Jesus rescues US from death and USHERS US INTO HEAVEN, TO ETERNITY!

- How will you share that joy in living out what God is leading you to do day by day?
- Who in your life needs the investment of your time and excitement for what God is doing in your life?
- Whom could you make a deliberate effort to get to know so you can invite them to join you in your journey with Jesus?

What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at CU?

PRAY

End your group this week praying for each other and praising God.

- Pray that God would strengthen you. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.