

**Message Series:** Classics week 2

**Message Title:** Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego

**Date:** July 16 & 17, 2016

**Message Summary:** This weekend we take a look at some observations on faith and how, when challenged by hardships, it can grow.

**Leaders:** The questions that follow are designed to stir reflection and discussion. Please read through them prior to your meeting, so you can be prepared to prayerfully pace your group well. Feel free to write your answers down and make notes so you are prepared to lead your group. And remember, as leader, your goal is to promote increased *biblical* awareness, as well as individual *self*-awareness – a combination that with the help of the Holy Spirit, results in revelation and...transformation!

**Below you will find questions that relate to the primary scripture and additional scripture. There will be other reflective questions intended for group discussion and application.**

### **Read Daniel 3**

- **Focus on Daniel 3:13-15**

Take a moment, be as honest as you can be, and put yourself in the same situation as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. How do you think you would have responded?

- **Read Daniel 3:17-18**

These verses show us that they put their faith, not in being saved, but in the One who could save them.

- Share of a hard time in your life where you may have put more faith in "being saved" or the outcome, rather than simply trusting God to carry you.
- Share any hard times or struggles where you simply put your faith in God regardless of the outcome.
- What was different about navigating each of those times?

- **Read James 2:18**

- What are some areas today that you see people "talking about faith, but not backing it up with action"?
- Are there any areas of your life that you need to put more action behind your beliefs?

- **Read Daniel 3:25**

God meets Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fire

- Share of a time in your walk with Christ where He met you in the midst of a struggle or hardship.
- What's the "furnace" in your life today?

- How are you growing and seeing God in it?