



Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: Daniel 1:1-20, Daniel 3: 1-30

1. How did Daniel and his friends maintain their steadfast allegiance to God while learning all they could about their new culture? How did God reward this allegiance? (Daniel 1:1-20)
2. Describe the idol worship required by King Nebuchadnezzar? What punishment would result from refusing to worship?
3. How did King Nebuchadnezzar attempt to punish Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? What was the result?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. What does it look like to be a competent leader in our culture who also pledges allegiance to God first?
5. When have you taken a stand for Christ? How did Christ stand with you? How have we been resourced to take a stand for Christ?
6. If God always rescued those who were true to him (like he did for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego), Christians would not need faith. Their religion would be a great insurance policy, and there would be lines of selfish people ready to sign up. How is it possible for Christians to be faithful regardless of the consequences? Why does this matter?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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