

Group Discussion

GETTING STARTED

1. Share a joy-filled moment that you had last week. What made it such a wonderful experience? Who was with you?

OVERVIEW FROM THE SERMON

Daniel and his three friends were learning to thrive in an out of control world. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were challenged by the King to worship his image or die in the fiery furnace. How did they respond to this impossible request?

2. In Daniel 3, King Nebuchadnezzar built and required all the leaders to worship an image. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused. Read Daniel 3:13-18. Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego say they did not need to defend themselves to the king? What does the response they gave the king say about how they viewed God?
3. Read Daniel 3:24-30. Who do you think the fourth man was in the furnace? What do you think God is telling us in this part of the story? Fire in our lives, comes in all shapes and sizes. Do you feel like you are facing any fire right now? What fire do you feel you might have to face in the future? How has God walked with you through the fires of life?
4. Read Psalms 118:5-9 & Isaiah 43:2. Why does the psalmist say he has nothing to fear? Though we face temporary troubles, why are we able to say we are safe in the hands of God?
5. Read James 1:2-4. What is considered to be pure joy? In God's ultimate design, where will our trials lead us? Share about an experience of how you're suffering to grow in faith.
6. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit right now?

NEXT STEPS

7. What will you do now with this new truth or spiritual insight that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit?
8. Please make time to pray together.