Community Group Discussion Guide
"Courage to live out our convictions" – Daniel 3:8-30
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Main thought:
The courage to live out our convictions grows out of our faith and obedience. Faith that God will work within His character and nature. Obedience that we will follow God no matter the outcome.

Icebreaker:
- Describe a time you felt massive pressure to just 'go along with the crowd' because everyone else was doing it??
- Have you ever had someone 'tattle' or report you for breaking a rule that you thought was stupid or unfair?

Questions:
1. What stood out to you from Daniel 3:8-30?
2. How does the account of Daniel 3 encourage believers to trust in God's sovereignty, and what other biblical examples reinforce this trust?
3. What is the significance of the fourth figure in the fire?
4. In what area of your life is it most difficult for you to stand by your Christian beliefs? What are you willing to risk to obey God's clear commands?
5. Can you identify moments in your life when you felt like you were in a "fiery furnace"? How did your faith guide you?
6. Consider the impact these three friends had on their Babylonian peers. How can one maintain faith when faced with potential persecution?
7. Consider preferences and convictions you hold. Which of those are rooted in the authority of God? Which are simply personal stands?
8. How would you react in a situation where your beliefs conflict with societal or authoritative expectations?
9. How can one identify and challenge unjust authority today, based on this biblical story?
10. Consider this week how your faithfulness under pressure demonstrates God's grace to those around you.

Prayer: Consider praying for how we might continue to live out convictions in this world that others might see the goodness of God through our lives.