

Daniel Small Group Study Guide

Daniel 3:1-30

SERMON OUTLINE

1. God's People Will Be Confronted with Idols of this World v.1-7
2. God's people will be Criticized by the People of this World v.8-12
3. God's People will be Challenged to Worship the Gods of this World v.13-15
4. God's People Must be Courageous in the Face of Danger in this World v.16-18
5. God's People Can Be Confident the Lord is with them No Matter what happens in the World v. 19-30

Discussion Questions:

What are some situations in which you may have to show courage under fire the way Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had to in this text?

Nebuchadnezzar's homage to Daniel's God in chapter 2 was shallow and short lived. How can we discern when praise and repentance are genuine?

The Hebrew men faced enormous pressure to conform. How does our culture pressure believers to reject God and conform to the status quo?

What are some of the idols of our day that vie for our worship?

How are you tempted to react when accusers and critics come against you?

How does this line up with the reactions of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

Why is it often too late to develop our convictions in the moment of truth?

Why must we identify with King Nebuchadnezzar before we try to identify with the three Jews?

What does it mean to view your life as expendable for the sake of God's kingdom?

What did these three men care about more than their lives?

When God doesn't deliver us from dangers, trials, disease, or even death, does that mean he has abandoned us? Why or why not?

How does the presence of Christ affect the way you face temptations to worship and chase after other gods?