

Community group questions
Daniel chapter 3

Opening question: Share a time growing up when you were the only one (or in the minority) who did not do something that others were doing.

Scripture study

- Read Daniel 3:1-7. What sticks out to you about this scene? Compare what the king is doing here with what took place at the end of chapter 2 (verses 46-47). Compare this scene with Genesis 11:1-4. What are some ways we can go hard after making a name for ourselves? How can this be a form of idolatry?

- Read Daniel 3:8-15. What would be the reasons behind these three guys going against the king's orders? How might they have rationalized giving in to the king's demands? What are some rationalizations we must fight against in living as godly citizens in this world? Share examples of when you feel as though you stick out for your faith.

- Skip over for now verses 16-18 and read 3:19-30. Trace the king's actions from 19-23 to 24-27 to 28-30. What is it about the outcome of this that can only be explained as miraculous? What impressed the king about these three guys? How can our lives turn the heads of unbelievers in being that bright spot in a dark world?

- Read 3:16-18. How do these three guys demonstrate faith in this situation? What is the "God can, but if not" principle? What does it look like to embrace that principle? What are some specific ways you are trusting in the "God who can"? How has "but if not" stretching your faith?