

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES - Daniel 3

**Daniel 3:13** Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, 14 and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? 15 Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?” 16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. 18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

...24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

**Exodus 20:4** “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. **5** You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, **6** but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

## **Other Passages: Daniel 1:8, Galatians 5:19-23, Exodus 20:4-6**

### **Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

### **Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

### **Challenge:**

- 1) *After you have had some time to read through the scripture for today, - As a group, make a list of Idols that would be common in today's world? And discuss what they have in common.*
- 2) *Discuss how you navigate the pressures around conforming to the patterns of the world, what are they and what does that look like right now for you and or your family?*
- 3) *Do you think it was a lot different for Daniel and the guys in Babylon? Why? Why not?*
- 4) *What do you do that is a devoted part of your life that you think helps you live in Babylon but not conform to babylon?*
- 5) *What other Scriptures come to mind as you consider devoting your life to God and not giving in to Idol worship? Feel free to share how these scriptures help.*
- 6) *Can you share your - "Even if God does not ... He is still God" how is that helpful to think about and how is that challenging you this week to live differently?*

### **Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

### **Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

## **KEY TAKEAWAYS**