

# Small Group Bible Study

## Foreshadow Week 3

### Main Theme

Daniel 3 shows us the pressure to bow, the courage to stand, and the reality that God meets us in the fire. This story reminds us that we are never alone and that Jesus has been present and at work all along.

### Opening Prayer

God, open our hearts to Your truth. Help us to stand firm and trust that You are with us in every situation. Amen.

### ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- What is something small you've stayed committed to over time that helped prepare you for something bigger later on?

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

#### 1. Read Daniel 3:1-6

King Nebuchadnezzar builds a massive image and commands everyone to bow. This was more than a statue, it was a demand for loyalty and allegiance. Everyone was expected to conform or face serious consequences.

- What stands out to you about the command the king gives?
- Why do you think the word image is emphasized so much in this chapter?
- What does this reveal about power and control in that culture?
- How does this compare to the pressures we experience today?
- What are some "modern day images" people are tempted to build their lives around?
- Where do you personally feel pressure to conform or compromise?

#### 2. Read Daniel 3:13-18

The king gives Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego another chance to bow, but they refuse. Their response shows incredible faith. They believe God can save them, but even if He does not, they will still remain faithful.

- What stands out to you about their response to the king?
- Why is “even if He does not” such a powerful statement of faith?
- What does this passage teach us about trusting God without knowing the outcome?
- How is this different from only trusting God when things go our way?
- What do you think gave them the courage to stand in this moment?
- How are small acts of obedience connected to big moments of faith?

### **3. Read Daniel 3:19-25**

The men are thrown into the furnace, but instead of being destroyed, they are joined by a fourth figure. The king sees them walking around unharmed, and the fourth looks like “a son of the gods.”

- What do you notice about what happens inside the fire?
- Why is it significant that they are walking around unbound?
- What does the presence of the fourth man reveal about God?
- Why do you think God chose to meet them in the fire instead of keeping them out of it?
- How does this change the way you view your own struggles?
- Where have you seen God show up in difficult seasons in your life?

### **3. Read Daniel 3:26-27**

The men come out of the fire completely unharmed. Not even the smell of smoke is on them. The fire that was meant to destroy them had no power over them.

- What stands out to you about how they came out of the fire?
- Why is it significant that there was no smell of smoke?
- What does this show us about God’s protection and power?
- How might their experience have impacted everyone watching?
- How can your response to hardship point others to God?
- What does it look like to trust God whether He rescues you from something or walks with you through it?

### **SERMON RECAP QUESTIONS**

- What “voice” has the most influence over your life right now?
- Where are you tempted to compromise because it feels easier or more convenient?
- What small step of obedience could strengthen your faith for future challenges?
- Do you tend to trust God only for outcomes, or do you trust Him even in the unknown?

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

- What is one area in your life where you feel pressure to “bow,” and what is one specific, tangible step you can take this week to stand firm in your faith instead?

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Jesus, give us courage to stand and trust You no matter what. Remind us that You are with us in every fire. Amen.