

# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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## The Marks of Mature Faith

Daniel 3 details the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego getting thrown into the fiery furnace for refusing to worship the image set up by Nebuchadnezzar. In their response to this crisis, they show us the marks of a mature faith. We live in different times, but are no less challenged to demonstrate to our world what it means to honor God with our lives.

### Read Daniel 3.

- Have you faced a furnace (a time of great testing) to remain faithful to God at any point in your life?
- What might be the reason for the stark contrast between the anger of the king and the calm nature of the response of these men (Daniel 3:13,16-17)? (See Philippians 4:6-7; 2 Timothy 1:12)
- What does this chapter teach us about the importance of our faith being tested? (See John 6:5-6; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; Hebrews 11:17-19)
- How might the full answer of these men to the king challenge the experience of your faith today (Daniel 3:17-18)? (See Esther 4:15-16; Romans 8:37-39)
- Who is the fourth man in the fire, and what might it say about the nature of God's salvation and His presence in our lives today (Daniel 3:25)? (See Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Philippians 3:10)
- How does Jesus' faithfulness encourage you to remain faithful today?

### Praying together

Holy Spirit, help me to grow a deeper faith in Jesus that I might live more courageously today.