

Discussion Guide

The Book of Daniel Part Three: The Furnace of Fire

1. What's your favorite thing to cook over a fire? Burgers? Hot dogs? S'mores? Let's share some good campfire stories.
2. Share a time when you had to make a decision that went against the grain- a time you chose your faith over compromise.
3. What was something that tested your faith this week? It can be anything from serious to silly— share a bit about what you've been facing.
4. Life or death religious persecution is happening in many parts of the world. What kinds of lower-risk, everyday pressures or persecution have you faced before? How did you handle it?
5. 1 Peter 1:7 says that when your faith stays strong in trials, it honors God and helps reveal Jesus to the world. How have you seen that in someone's life? How has someone else's faith revealed Jesus to you?
6. The primary tension for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego was balancing dual submission to God and a Gentile king. What are some examples of how you navigate the tension of devotion to God and your place in this world?
7. What would have happened if Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would have bowed or compromised their faith? How have you seen compromise affect your faith?
8. Read Deuteronomy 31:6. Pastor Tim said that sometimes we go through the fire. Yet God is with us in the fiery trial. How would you know He's there? Have you ever felt He wasn't?
9. Read 1 John 5:4. Does going through the fire effect our faith decision not to compromise? How can we remain faithful in the fire?

Next Steps

1. Are there any areas in your life where you are making compromises? What specifically will you do differently from before?
2. Is there something you know God wants you to do that you need to obey? What steps will you take this week?
3. Continue to engage with Scripture readings, devotional thoughts, and spiritual practices throughout the week.