



Sermon: Daniel 3:1-30

Date: March 24, 2024

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. There is a lot of repetition in this chapter. List some of the phrases that are repeated. What does this repetition serve to communicate to us?
3. In what different ways does King Nebuchadnezzar set himself up as an antichrist in this chapter of Scripture?
4. How does King Nebuchadnezzar seek to appeal to the senses in convincing people to bow down and worship the golden image? How is this typical of other eastern religions? Are there any examples of similar appeals in modern evangelical churches? Explain.
5. How do the Chaldeans tell the truth in a sinful way (verse 8)? Can you think of other examples of using the truth for sinful purposes?
6. Read Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's response to King Nebuchadnezzar in verses 16-18. What do their words teach us about their faith and commitment to the Lord? How does their example encourage and strengthen your faith?



7. Who do you believe is the fourth man that appears in the fiery furnace (v. 24-25)? How would you defend your answer?

8. The Lord drew near to his people in the midst of their persecution and suffering. Often times the most joyful and sweetest times with Jesus are experienced when we are suffering for him. Have you found this to be true in your life? Explain and give examples.

9. Where did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego find the strength to stand when everyone else bowed? How can we find the strength needed to stand firm and obey God even when it might cost us our very lives?

10. In verses 28-29 we see King Nebuchadnezzar using the power of the sword to do good. Instead of King Nebuchadnezzar commanding everyone to worship God, why does he forbid blasphemy? Do you believe this is a good edict for a civil magistrate to order? Explain.

11. How does Daniel 3 serve as a metaphor for a bigger story? What encouragement do we draw from it as we think about the times in which we find ourselves?