

DANIEL

LIVING AS STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND

MISSIONAL COMMUNITY GUIDE

WEEK 4: DANIEL Chapter 3

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to process through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What do I do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: Daniel 3

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. Have you ever been in a situation similar (even if less dramatic) to the one described in Daniel 3? How did you react? If not, how do you think you'd react?
2. If an idol is anything that you're willing to sin against God to have, what are some idols that you feel particularly tempted to trust in? How has that played out in your life?
3. Talk about the temptations and dangers associated with making an idol of politics and nation identity.
4. What is the difference between non-participation and active resistance? In what situations would non-participation be a more appropriate response to the culture than active resistance; and vice versa?

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. For instance, someone may be experiencing a great deal of dryness or emptiness in their relationship with God. They may need to be reminded that God wants to satisfy the deep thirst of their soul with the living water that Jesus has to offer. The call to repent may look like turning away (repent) from empty sources or corrupt sources that they have been depending upon and turning to Jesus (believe) to be the unending supply of soul water. Use this time for confessing out loud the wrong sources and calling out in prayer for God the Father to pour His love into their hearts through his Spirit as they turn to Jesus for help.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel (what will you begin to do to START LIVING LIKE YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS TRUE)?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act as a missional community on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. How can you prepare yourselves now for the moment when you are forced to choose between compromise and remaining faithful to Jesus?
2. How can your Missional Community help you to address these ongoing temptations towards idolatry?

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?