

Daniel: Clinging to God in a Godless World

Lesson 2: Defying Rulers and Facing Down Death

Daniel 3

Read Daniel 3:8-18

Question 1: What were some possible excuses Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego could have made for why bowing down to the statue was a good idea? (Come up with at least three.)

Question 2: What were some possible reasons Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose not to bow down to the statue? (Come up with at least three.)

Read Daniel 3:19-27

Which details in these verses caught your attention? Discuss with your group and create a list of at least five startling things.

Agree or Disagree? Christians should regularly risk pain or death because they know God will always protect them.

Read Daniel 3:28-30

“No other god can save in this way.” Share with your group a specific time in your life when God rescued you in some way or a time when you heard about God rescuing someone else. Vote on your groups favorite one and be ready to share it with the other groups.

Reflect as a group on the stories you’ve just shared from your own lives and the story of the three men in the fiery furnace. In what ways will they shape your attitude as you look ahead to your next week of life in this godless world?