



## Week 3 Discussion Questions

Week of 4/30/23

**Text:** Daniel 3

**Icebreaker:** Have you ever felt pressure to go along with the crowd in some way that you knew wasn't right? What happened?

1. Read verses 1-7. What seems to be emphasized in these verses?

*Application:* Do you think similar practices or initiatives occur in our world today? Explain what you think.

2. Read verses 8-15. Why do you think Nebuchadnezzar was in a "furious rage" (v. 13)?

*Application:* Is there a cost to non-compliance in some part of your life? Maybe at work or in a social setting? If so, what kind of costs could you face?

3. Read verses 16-18. What stands out to you about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's response to Nebuchadnezzar's threat?

*Application:* These three men were likely strengthened by examples of other times God had delivered people in miraculous ways. These examples can help us too, so what other instances can you think of from the Bible of God delivering his people?

4. Read verses 19-30 and Hebrews 11:32-38. Could we still say that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were delivered by God if they had not survived the furnace?

*Application:* God is able to deliver us from death, but he does not always choose to do it. Do you think it's possible for death to be a winsome example to others? Why?

5. *Application:* The presence of the one who is "like a son of the gods" in the furnace vividly displays God's presence with these men. What difference does it make to you that God is with us *in* suffering or trials, even if he does not always keep us *from* them?