

Daniel

In The Fire

Connect Group Study following the talk on Sunday 13th February 2022

Read Daniel 3

1. What do you notice about the style this chapter is written? *Bold, extreme, ultimate statements and descriptions.*

Values

2. Do you find yourself at odds with dominant and aggressively-held (see above) values in the culture today? Which values are they?
3. On Sunday Jamie spoke about three of HTC's A-H of values which we aspire to: home, courageous and dependent. Is one of these particularly on your heart, or you're recognising your need to grow in it this year?

Home

4. How does this passage challenge isolation and individualism in exile? *13 times Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are referred to collectively, never individually.*
5. How can our Connect Group be a place where people are welcomed and empowered?

Courageous

6. Read v28. What would you be willing to give up your life for, if anything?
7. Jamie spoke about '*when the fire inside you is greater than the fire that surrounds you*'. How is your passion for God at the moment?

Dependent

8. Read vv16-18. How is the response from Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego counter-cultural today? *Not needing to defend ourselves, total trust in God, not dependent on outcomes but dependent on God, refusing to bow down to idols.*
9. Jamie spoke about the connection between depending on God and growing in resilience. Is this your experience?

Bonus (if you have time)

10. Daniel 3 and Daniel 6 are toward opposite ends of a chiasmus (a poetic structure), mirroring each other and encapsulating the chapters in between. What similarities and differences do you notice between the fiery furnace and Daniel in the Lion's Den.

Pray

- Into the values above
- For anyone 'in the fire' currently with Isaiah 43:2