

DANIEL

THRIVING IN EXILE

DNA GUIDE

WEEK 4: WORSHIP IN EXILE (DANIEL 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 read 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. What are some idols that you feel particularly tempted to trust in? How has that played out in your life?
3. Have you had a moment where you prayed for something to happen and God didn't answer your prayer? How did you feel in that moment? Can you now see why things

played out the way they did?

4. Have you had a moment where you prayed for something specific and God did show up? Tell that story so your whole DNA can be encouraged by it.

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. You may need to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done. 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 up 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?

ACT

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

Consider these questions:

1. How can you prepare yourself now to face such a situation in the future?
2. How can your DNA members help you to address these ongoing temptations towards idolatry?
3. What are some ways that you can “clean your lens” so that you can see God more clearly, especially in times of pain?
4. Pastor Justin said that remembering is one of our most important weapons against idolatry. What did he mean by that and how can you better remember the provision of God in your life?

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