

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 3

enduring hope

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

CONNECT

- Describe one enjoyable experience you had in the past week.
- If you could travel back in time, what's one event in history you'd like to be present for?
- If you could travel forward in time, what's one aspect of your own life you'd be interested in seeing how it's played out?

RECAP

Here's an overview of the main ideas from the sermon.

MAIN THEMES

Big Idea: The world will lie about your future, so entrust your future to the one true King.

Christ-Connect: Jesus went into the fire for people who did deserve it, delivering us from false kings and into life with the one true King.

Application: We must recognize the "if / then" statements that pressure us into mistrusting and disobeying God.

READ & DISCUSS

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Daniel 3:1-15

DISCUSS

Nebuchadnezzar sounds certain of possible outcomes for the three friends: "If you bow down, then you'll be fine; if you don't, then you'll burn and no god can save you." When the world tries to undermine our hope in God, it can sound like a confident "if / then" statement about our own future. Can you think of an example or two of an "if / then" statement that has tried to make you mistrust God?

PS: When the word "world" is used in this way in the Bible, it's talking all the aspects of our age that are at odds with God. (See John 16:33 for an example.)

READ & DISCUSS

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Daniel 3:16–30

DISCUSS

What stands out to you about the friends' response to Nebuchadnezzar? How can their response help you respond to the "if / then" lies of the world?

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Romans 8:32

DISCUSS

The only way we can continually reject the world's lies and obey God—especially when things don't turn out as well for us as they did for the friends in Daniel 3—is if we trust him. Do you feel like you trust him with your future right now? How can the work of Jesus help you trust him?

PRAYER

Spend time praising Jesus for stepping into the fire of God's wrath for us. Pray that the trust and obedience of these men in Daniel 3 would characterize our own lives.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with?



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