

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### *Daniel 3:19-28*

#### **Review**

- If you were stranded on a desert island, what book (other than the Bible) would you like to have? Why this choice?
- What are the best parts of being part of Goldstone Church?
- Describe a time when it has been difficult for you (or someone you know) to show that you are a Christian. Why?
- When is it most difficult to trust God?

#### **Remind**

- How much hotter than usual was the furnace (v.19)?
- How did the 3 Jews enter the furnace (v.20)?
- What were the 3 Jews wearing (v.21)? Was this flammable?
- Who died throwing the 3 Jews into the furnace (v.22)? Why?
- How many people did the king see in the furnace (v.24-25)? What were they doing?
- What title did the king use to describe the 3 Jews (v.26)? Why is this title significant? See Daniel 3:14.
- Describe the appearance, including the *smell* of the 3 Jews after coming out of the furnace (v.27).
- Who does the king admit has saved the 3 Jews (v.28)?

#### **Respond**

- How was the king's question answered (see end of Dan 3:15)?
- Why is the faith of the 3 Jews celebrated? (Heb 11:33-34).
- Who do you think was in the furnace with the 3 Jews? Why?
- "*Miracles only started to happen in the New Testament.*" How would you *lovingly* challenge this statement?
- If you had bowed and worshipped the idol, how do you think the experience of the 3 Jews would have affected you?
- How would you define the kind of faith that gives you the strength *not* to conform to what the world is wanting?
- You could end by reading together Daniel 3:28

### **Daniel 3:19-28 (NIVUK)**

<sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude towards them changed. He ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than usual <sup>20</sup> and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. <sup>21</sup> So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. <sup>22</sup> The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, <sup>23</sup> and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

<sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisors, 'Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?'

They replied, 'Certainly, Your Majesty.'

<sup>25</sup> He said, 'Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.'

<sup>26</sup> Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, 'Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!'

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, <sup>27</sup> and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisors crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

<sup>28</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.'