

October 21, 2018 The Fiery Furnace

**For the Facilitator** - During the week before the meeting, review the story and the questions. Do an internet search on any issues you might anticipate. Even if you are not telling the story, know it well enough to share. Make sure you are maintaining your own walk with the Lord. Make personal contact with at least one person in your group this week.

**Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions**

**Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I" Statements.)**

**DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS**

- Last week we looked at Jeremiah when he was thrown into a cistern. Are there any more thoughts on that story?
- How are your relational investments going?

**Ask a "hook question" to get the group going.**

- What is the most ridiculous example of someone losing their temper that you have seen?

**Share background for the story.**

This week we will begin looking at some stories in the book of Daniel. The story for today takes place while the Jews were captives in Babylon.

**Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap – Daniel 3:8-30.** This week's story talks about God's divine protection.

**Group members rebuild the story one piece at a time.**

**Read Daniel 3:8-30 out loud. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling of the story?**

**Discuss these questions:**

1. What do you learn about God in this story?
2. What do you learn about the characters in the story?
3. Share about a time you had to stand up for your faith.
4. As a Christ follower, what does verse 18 mean for you?
5. How can this story encourage you to share your faith?

**Ask someone to retell the story.**

**Assign next week's passage. Daniel 6:1-24, Daniel and the Lion's Den.**

**Close in Prayer.**