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## **Discussion and Application Questions From The Message: (30 - 35 Minutes)**

- 1. If you grew up in church, what are some of the earliest bible stories you remember learning about and which were your favorites?
- 2. Do you have any memories of learning about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
- 3. Read Daniel 3.
- 4. What all catches your attention about this story?
- 5. What does it say about King Nebuchadnezzar that he ordered the furnace to be heated 7 times hotter than normal?
- 6. What do you think Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego thought would happen when they were thrown into the furnace?
- 7. How would you have felt if you were facing this punishment? Would you have stayed true to your beliefs?
- 8. We do not face this kind of persecution but do we face similar pressures to bow down? In what areas?
- 9. In today's world, what consequences can we face if we choose to not bow down?
- 10. It is interesting that God did not cool, or even quench the fire in the furnace. What do you make of that and what does that say to you about the fires of life we may go through?
- 11. How hard is it for us to stay faithful to God when we don't know what He will do to get us through the fires of life?
- 12. Do you think there are things some Christians (maybe even us) are not willing to give up for the sake of Christ?
- 13. What do you learn about faith from this story in Daniel 3?

PRAYER TIME