

# DO NOT COMPLY

A STUDY THROUGH DANIEL



# WEEK 4: THE ULTIMATUM OF OUR CULTURE (DANIEL 3)

## WELCOME

What is the most adventurous thing you've done or one of the most adventurous things that you want to try and why?

## WORSHIP

Sing a couple of worship songs together. Ask someone to play the guitar, play a YouTube video, or go a cappella!

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Ask someone to read **Psalm 97** and then, give some time for people to voice whatever prayers that Psalm brings to their minds.

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## WORD

1. How do we see modern-day “idols” in our culture that demand our attention or allegiance, similar to Nebuchadnezzar’s statue?

2. What stands out to you in *Daniel 3:16-18* about the way Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego respond to the king’s threats?

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3. How does Nebuchadnezzar's reaction in *Daniel 3:19-23* illustrate the cost of being counter-cultural (aka, resisting cultural norms)?

4. In *Daniel 3:24-25*, what is the significance of the fourth figure in the furnace, and what does it say about God's presence in trials? How has God stood with you during your trials?

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5. Read *Isaiah 43:2-3* and answer the following questions:
- What imagery is used to describe danger?
  - What imagery is used to describe rescue?
  - How do the titles God uses for Himself in verse 3 deepen our understanding of His role in our lives during trials?
6. How does the attitude of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego inspire you to trust God, even when rescue isn't guaranteed?

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7. How does faithfulness in small decisions prepare you for bigger tests of faith in the future?

## **WITNESS**

How can you come alongside someone else who is “passing through the waters” and remind them of God’s promise to be with them? Also, give an update on the person you named last week—have you shared the gospel with that person or have you considered a plan for sharing the gospel with that person?

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## PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

1. Memorize ***Daniel 3:17-18***
2. Read ***Daniel 3*** every day this week in one setting
3. Read ***Exodus 20:3-5; Deuteronomy 6:13-15; Matthew 4:8-10; and Revelation 13:4-8***
  - Write down what these passages say about the worship of idols.
  - What is God's perspective on worshipping other gods or idols?
  - How do these passages compare with the stand taken by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel 3?
4. Read ***Psalms 97:6-7; Isaiah 45:22-24; Philippians 2:9-11; and Revelation 5:13-14***
  - Write down what these passages teach about God's sovereignty over all nations and rulers.
  - How do these verses deepen your understanding of Nebuchadnezzar's response to the miraculous deliverance in ***Daniel 3:28-29***?