



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2022 | IN THE LINE OF FIRE

## WARM-UP QUESTION

Where is the hottest place you've ever been, and what was it like?

## DISCUSS

Read **Daniel 3:1-18** out loud together.

*\*Options: Split up the passage between 2-3 people or go around the circle, reading one verse per person.*

- Based on what you've just read, what do you think about King Nebuchadnezzar? What do you think about the astrologers who came forward (verses 8-12)?
- What stands out to you in the response of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in verses 16-18?
- What modern-day situations can you think of that put pressure on followers of Jesus to "bow down" to something or someone other than God?

Have another one or two people read **Daniel 3:19-30**.

- If you were in the shoes of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, what would you be thinking as the furnace is being prepared for you?
- How does the appearance of the fourth man encourage you personally or challenge what you think about God?
- Is there a time in your life when you've been in a "fiery furnace" and felt or experienced God's presence? Explain.
- What areas of your life are under more heat than others right now? How does the story in this passage challenge or encourage you?
- What steps could you take this week to build your faith in preparation for the "furnace" (or in the midst of it)?

## RESPOND

- What specific step do you think God is prompting you to do first? When will you do it?
- Spend a few minutes praying together. Pray for anyone in your group walking through a "furnace" right now, and pray for each person to carve out time this week to build their faith in God's presence.

*Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at [tpcc.org/dbr](http://tpcc.org/dbr). Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!*