

# The Sound of Music

**Daniel 3:1-30** 

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- 1. Which of the following statements resonates with you the most?
  - a) All of the below. ©
  - b) I am concerned about what other people think of me.
  - c) I don't give a rip about what other people think of me.
  - d) Christians are way too dogmatic.
  - e) I'm really getting nailed for doing what I thought was what God wanted.
  - f) Sometimes I wonder if God is really there.

## The Image & The Accusation (verses 1-12)

- 1. How motivated do you think Nebuchadnezzar was in having people bow to the golden image? Why?
- Is any part of the accusation justified?
- 3. Is any part of the accusation justified due to failure by these three young men to obey God?

#### The Choice Made By Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego (verses 13-18)

- 1. When did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego make the choice not to bow?
- 2. What was their motivation in choosing not to bow? Why?
- 3. Do you think they had second thoughts (especially as they watched the men taking them to the furnace get Bar-B-Cued)? Why or why not?

## The Really, Really, Hot Burning Fiery Furnace & God (verses 19-27)

- Do you think Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego ever wondered if it was God's will for them to die?
- How do you think they felt as they faced that possibility? How would you feel?
- 3. How might it be helpful for you to know that these three young men were not left alone by God?
- 4. Why is it important that God gets the glory for preserving these young men?

## The Pattern Of God's Blessing (verses 28-30)

1. How might the way all this works out be an encouragement for you?

## Processing All That...

#### The Fear Factor

- 1. Are there particular circumstances in which you feel fearful of what will happen?
- 2. Are there particular circumstances in which you feel pressured to respond in a way you know isn't how God would have you respond?
- 3. These days, where do you really, really, need to know that God is really there?

#### The God Factor

- 1. Consider the statement: "Courage comes as we choose to die to what we fear and to live only for God's glory." Based on today's message, what does this mean?
- 2. What might this mean to you personally?
- 3. These days, how are you living for God's glory?
- 4. What is there in your life that might need to die as you choose to trust God?

#### Generic Catch All Last Question...

1. Anything else not covered above or that particularly impresses you from this study?