

Small Group Study Guide, Week of July 27, 2025

Daniel 3:1-30; "Deliverance," Eric Douglass

Ice Breaker: What is the most serious burn you have experienced?

Dig:

1. Use a Bible atlas or other source to identify where Nebuchadnezzar may have erected his image. Why there? What was Nebuchadnezzar's point in doing so?
2. Why do the three Jewish officials refuse to obey the king's edict? (Cite specific scripture that supports their action.) What consequences do they face? What details in this story support the belief that this is history rather than myth?
3. What is the outcome for the three Jewish officials? For the astrologers who ratted them out? For the soldiers who followed orders? For King Nebuchadnezzar? Do you think this experience made a believer out of Nebuchadnezzar or not? Why?

Apply:

4. What situation(s) are you facing that force a decision between compromise/acceptance and commitment/persecution? What lessons/reassurances do you take from this study?
5. Reflect on your own readiness to obey a clear commandment of God in spite of the consequences. What steps will you take to improve your readiness?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)