

Father's Day | Forged Faithful | 06.19-20.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: We've all faced some tremendous challenges over the last year, and we want to encourage you in the adversity that you have faced and the endurance that's required for what's ahead. Daniel 3 serves as an anchor to illustrate how relationships and rhythms help us forge our faith to withstand the pressures that come our way.

>> Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping clarify expectations
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.
- Pray open your time together in prayer

> Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What was something new that you started this past year that you are still doing?
- Digging Deeper: What does it require for you to stick with a new habit long-term?

>> Observation | Read Daniel 3:19-30

(12 minutes)

What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

>> Key Principle | Forged faith endures adversity.

(12 minutes)

What are some challenging circumstances you have faced this past year? How do you typically deal with adversity in your life?

>>> Personal Habits | Read Daniel 1:8-20

(12 minutes)

- What insights and understandings do you gain about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's personal habits?
- What are some personal habits in your life that have helped you work through some of the toughest times in your life?

>> Consistent Integrity | Read Daniel 3:11-18

(12 minutes)

- What are some easy compromises you refuse to make? How do you make sure you are the same person of integrity in all circumstances?
- Why do you think Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were able to have consistent integrity, even when their lives were threatened? What can we learn from their example?

>> Vulnerable Friendships | Reread Daniel 3:19-30

(12 minutes)

- How do Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego model vulnerability in their friendship?
- Who are your friends that aren't just there with you "in the fire" but outside the fire as well? How do you maintain these relationships?

>> Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Our forged faith and public boldness invites others to personal faith themselves. What does personal boldness look like for you?
- Close by praying for the men in your lives to embody forged faith in their lives.

