

# LifeGroup Meeting

Be Distinct

“What Will You Do In The Heat Of The Moment?”

## Get To Know You Question:

If you had a spirit animal, what would it be?

## Let's Dig Deeper

### **Daniel 3:1-30**

1. So often, as Christians we tend to shy away from Bible verses that may appear to be too harsh for us to handle. However, they are there for us to teach us a very valuable lesson if we are willing to hear it. Below are some of these verses. Read them and take some time as a group to discuss.
  - James 4:4
  - 1 John 2:15
  - 2 Corinthians 6:14
  - Galatians 5:19-21
  - Romans 8:7
  - John 14:6 (why is this so controversy...even among some Christians?)
  - So often, we take verses like these and because we think them harsh, we will ignore them and by doing so can end up compromising our internal principles. What are the consequences to such a mistake?
2. In the **Daniel 3**, we see Daniel's three friends being punished for doing what was right. When the risks of punishment are high what does it take to stand firm in your faith?
  - Have there ever been a time where you stood up to evil?
  - What would be the equivalent of being called together to worship a 90 foot statue in our world today?

- Why do some people react so strongly to others standing for what they believe in? How can we use those moments for good?
  - What does it look like to use Shadrach's, Meshach's and Abendnego's example of trusting in God's power without a guarantee of safety as a blueprint for living distinct today?
3. Pastor Scott believes that our decisions, our attitudes, and our behaviors are determined by either external pressures or by internal principles, and the battle is going on all the time in our lives between these two conflicting ideals.
- In what ways are you tempted to compromise your faith because of external pressures?
  - Why is it so hard to live based on internal biblical principles in our culture today?
  - As you look at Nebuchadnezzar's responses (**Daniel 3:13-15, 19-23**) what evidence do you see that his basic conflict was with God rather than with these three men?
  - As you reflect on **Daniel 3** list out some risks of being obedient to God. List out some rewards. Do the rewards outweigh the risks?
4. Someone read **Daniel 3:17-18**.
- Which part of this response is most challenging for you as you face your own challenges?
  - If you ever experienced God's deliverance, how has it helped you to endure other trials?
  - What if God doesn't rescue you from the trial in the way you want? Will you still trust Him?
5. Pray!