

YOUR NEW NORMAL

Discussion Notes

FAITHFUL

This week we looked at our faith and how we keep it strong in tough times. What three words would you use to describe your faith at the moment?

Read Daniel 3 together.

Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego are faced with a difficult choice of following God, even though that will cost them, or turning away and not being faithful to God.

- Do you have examples of having to when you have had to make a decision like this?
- What helped you make a choice to stay faithful to God? Or conversely, what made it harder to do so?

When the three friends say, "the God we serve", we see that they have a personal relationship with God. Alexia said that staying faithful to God is all about relationship.

- Why does staying faithful to God make a difference to our ability to stay faithful to him?
- Alexia shared about her experience of realising that she didn't have her own truly personal relationship with God. Can you resonate with this? Have you ever had a moment like that?
- What stops us from having a personal relationship with him?

As a result of standing up for what they believe in, Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego are thrown into the fire. Yet they don't die and even see Jesus in the fire with them.

- These three friends say even if God doesn't save them they will still worship Him. In this case Jesus did turn up and it was all fine, but what if he didn't? Have you had times when it felt like God didn't turn up? What was your reaction? How can we stay strong in our faith in these times?
- Alexia shared how her times of being in a 'fire of life' helped her see Jesus and grow in intimacy in her relationship with him. Have you had an experience where this has been true for you?
- What can we do when we are in the fire to see Jesus? How can we learn to trust him and grow close to him in these times?