

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

THE PLAN — IV

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MEMORY VERSE

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." (Daniel 3:17-18)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Discuss with the group about a time that you had to be courageous in your defense for the truth of Christ. What was the reaction from others? What was the result?

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS — THE PLAN, PART FOUR

1. Read Daniel 3 together as a group. Answer the following questions:
 - How did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego respond to the **command** to worship other gods?
 - Why were they so bold? (Think if you were in their position, how you would honestly respond).
 - How can we obtain the same courage in our faith? (See 2 Cor. 5:6-10)
2. Read Acts 25 together as a group. Answer the following questions:
 - Discuss the situation Paul found himself in. Explain as much detail as possible that you find in the passage.
 - Paul saw himself standing before multiple Roman leaders in defense against the accusation from the religious leaders. What was the core theme of his message?
 - When you find yourself backed in a corner because of false accusation how do you typically react? Have you been similar positions for your faith in Christ? How did you respond? Did it change the way to spoke about Jesus?
 - Discuss how Paul properly defended himself. How can we learn from his lesson?
3. Taking a risk for the furthering of the gospel is scary! But according to many passages, specifically the two passages mentioned above, it is required. How do we take those risks? What must we do in order to be fully equipped?



GROUP ACTIVITY

Discuss how you can help each other take greater risks for the gospel.

- Consider the cost (see Luke 14:25-34) of following Jesus. Outline what Jesus said may required of us if we follow Jesus.
- How will you take risks for other people? How will honor your brother and sister in Christ, and the outcast in your day-to-day life? Start small. Who in your life feels mistreated by others, and how can you come to their aid?

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