



# GRACE GROUP LEADER'S MESSAGE GUIDE

*Leader note: This Message Guide is intended to help you facilitate discussion with your Grace Group. You can use the guide exactly as it is, ignore some of it, or add to it. We hope you view this guide as a flexible teaching tool, and not a rigid teaching task.*

## **WEEK OF OCTOBER 17TH**

Please review the Updates and Leader Information found on the Group Resources page [gracefellowship.cc/groupresources](http://gracefellowship.cc/groupresources). You will find some new information there that you'll want to be aware of.

## **ICEBREAKER**

How old is the oldest pair of shoes in your closet? Do you still wear them?

## **WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR JASON GRUBER**

### **LIVING IN BABYLON - WEEK 2 (Scripture: Daniel 3)**

1. Read Daniel Ch. 3. - What things stand out to you?
2. In what ways is Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's story similar to Daniel's from last week?
3. When living in Babylon, it's easy to fall into the trap of *assimilation* (looking and living like everyone else) or into *separation* (distancing and building walls from your culture). When you reflect on your own actions and attitudes, which is your bias, assimilation or separation?
4. Many of us say we will honor God with our lives, but there is a disconnect from our hypothetical faith and our actual faith. Why?
5. Re-read verses 16-18: What attitudes are reflected in Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's response to the king?
6. What makes trusting God when the 'heat' is turned up so difficult?
7. What high heat moment are you dealing with right now?
8. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's obedience was immediate. Why do you think they didn't have to take time to ponder what they should do? How can you insure that you too will have immediate obedience?
9. Trusting in God means knowing that: *God is the answer, God is kind, and God is still good no matter what*. Which is the easiest for you to actually believe? Which one is easy for you to believe hypothetically but not actually?

### **ACTION STEP**

The action step out of the weekend message was to dwell on Daniel 3:16-18 by having three conversations with three people three times this week.

### **SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER**

As an action step following the results of your group member's surveys, you may want to meet with each of them in a one-on-one. This is a consistent time you meet with a member of your group for the purpose of spiritual growth. It could also be called discipling. In one-on-ones, you have the opportunity and privilege to take group members under your wing and encourage them in understanding, growth, and action. It's also a chance to be a listening ear or a source of advice.