

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

DIRECTIONS | Sunday, January 25th

BIG IDEA

The direction of your life is deeply shaped by the people you walk with. Like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, our faith is strengthened -- or weakened -- by the community around us. When our friendships share conviction, obedience becomes clearer, compromise becomes harder, and courage multiplies. God never intended faith to be lived in isolation; He uses godly relationships to keep our eyes fixed on Him when culture tries to pull us elsewhere. If we want our lives pointed toward Jesus, we must be intentional about walking with people who are walking toward Him too.

SCRIPTURE

- Daniel 1:1-21
- Daniel 3:1-30

TALK IT OVER

1. **Ice Breaker:** Have you ever confidently followed directions that turned out to be wrong? What happened?
2. Who are the people you spend the most time with right now? How are they shaping your faith—positively, negatively, or neutrally?
3. Are there areas of your life where your intentions are good, but your direction doesn't match?
4. Where do you feel the strongest pressure to compromise—relationships, work, habits, or comfort?
5. What does it look like to have friends who help you “fix your eyes on Jesus” rather than just affirm your choices?
6. What would it look like for this group to be a *Daniel-type community* for one another?
7. What is one practical step you can take this week to walk more intentionally with people who share your faith?

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask group members to pray silently and ask:

“God, is there anyone I’m walking with who is pulling my direction away from You?”

Close by praying for courage to choose community that honors Jesus—even when it’s uncomfortable.

**Leader Tip — Don’t rush vulnerability. Let silence work. Direction changes start with honest reflection.*