

Nov 10/24 "Power Struggle" – Daniel 3:1, 14-28 (Leader's Guide)

1. As a Christian, do you feel like you are living in a land of exile? Why or why not?

Allow time for sharing.

2. What are some of the idols in our culture that promise 'the good life'? What are some of the idols that you struggle with personally?

This list could be endless. Some of the things mentioned in the sermon: money, success, work, fitness, new gadgets, new partners, knowledge, health, self-understanding, our own stories & identities.

3. Have you experienced having to turn away from an idol in your life, and feeling like it was experiencing a death? As you feel comfortable, share it with the group.

If you have an example of having to say no to something or turning away from something, share it. This can be a good opportunity to go deeper and risk vulnerability in your group – as appropriate.

4. The sermon mentioned that God doesn't always rescue his people out of the fire, but he is always present with them in the midst of it. Do you have examples of that? How does that truth make you feel?

This may be a hard one for folks. You may want to spend some time looking at God's promises from Isaiah 43, that he will be with his people in the midst of the flood and the fire.

5. What are some of the helps mentioned in the sermon that God gives us in this struggle? Can you think of other things?

Some of the helps: community, and the opportunity to practice saying no to little things, so that we have the muscles to help us in bigger trials.