

SUMMER @ CELEBRATION



CLOSER LOOK: 08.07.2022

THE POWER OF WORDS

SCRIPTURES: Daniel 3: 13-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-4; Daniel 3: 24-29

Ice Breaker Question:

Have a member of your group use a stopwatch to time each member as they share, in 60 seconds or less, a time they went through a "fire". This could be emotionally, relationally, work-related, personally, spiritually, or literally.

For the leader: Pray over the group at the conclusion of everyone sharing. The bottom line is EVERYONE has experienced fire in their lives! We are not alone. Ask the Lord to use that fire as a time of refinement and invite him into your group time.



Message Notes:

- A life surrendered is preceded by a surrendered will
- A life surrendered comes from a position of strength not hopelessness
- A life surrendered emanates a surrendered sound-worship
- A life surrendered produces an unbreakable spirit
- A life surrendered ensures a victory

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Questions:

1. Ps John shared that, “whether we know it or not, we are bowing down to something”. What sound do you bow down to? How does that make you feel if it is not God ordained?
2. As Ps John discussed that “our God is able”, he also mentioned that this does not mean He will do it. If He wants to, we know He is able. Many times we pray that God will instantly do something, and we fail to recognize that sometimes God is giving us the strength to endure and not bow down to our thoughts, our will, or even man. As you think of your own experiences, has there been a time in your life where you prayed for something to happen instantly and God gave you strength to endure? Share with the group.
3. Have someone from the group read 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 out loud. Ps John reminds us to not fight our battles from a fleshly place as we will lose every time. We need to use our spiritual weapons to fight our battles. How do you personally struggle in doing this? Everyone take a moment to share
4. As we learned about Shadrach, Mesach, and Abednego we learned that while they had an opportunity to return to Jerusalem they didn't. God sustained them. We learned there is sometimes “more power in the staying than the ease of leaving.” Have you endured a season or circumstance where leaving would have been easier for you, but called you to stay? Share with the group.
5. When the King threw the men in the fire, he was surprised by the sound from within it. It was the sound of worship. The men created a throne room for God to come and sit. In your difficult seasons, do you choose to live a life of worship? What are some things that you personally do?
6. We were reminded that our outlook determines our outcome. Do you tend to speak the promises of God over your problem or do you worry, become doubtful, or even critical of the situation? Share openly and honestly with one another and offer suggestions to recalibrate your thought life. Remember that God does not shy away from a fiery furnace-he went in with them and protected them because they made room for Him to show up .



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Prayer:

Dear Lord,

There have been times in our lives where we have walked into fires of our own accord and we have walked into fires created by another. Regardless of how we got there, we ask for your protection. We commit to surrendering our hearts, minds, and actions to you so that we can trust you will leave us victorious. Help us Lord.

In Jesus name, AMEN n.



- ### What's Coming Up:
- **AUGUST 10:** Small Group Leader Night
 - **AUGUST 13:** Pursuit Saturday Service, 9am
 - **AUGUST 16:** CLI Orientation
 - **AUGUST 27:** Celebration's Fall Men's Event, *Dangerous Good Night*
 - **AUGUST 28:** Baptism Orientation
 - <https://rock.celebration.church/events>