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Grow when pressured to sell out.

Daniel 3:1-30

Before you start, please pray that as a result of this study, together with the preaching from Sunday, your understanding of God will not only be deepened, but your relationship with Jesus will be significantly strengthened.

1. A dictionary definition of an idol includes “a person or thing that is the object of intense admiration or devotion”. There are many different idols in this world. Can you identify some of them and how they affect you or those around you? After your group’s discussion of this, were you surprised by some of the comments?
2. Please review Daniel 2, particularly verses 24-34. What should Nebuchadnezzar have learned from his dream and the interpretation given by Daniel? How significant was the construction of the statue in this dream?
3. What groups of people were specifically commanded to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar’s image in Chapter 3, verses 2 and 3? Do you see any irony in this particularly from your review of chapter 2?
4. Please review Daniel 1. Both chapters 1 and 3 deal with Submission to God and to human government. Can you identify these in each chapter and the outcome?
5. Why did the three Hebrews answer the king in the way they did in verses 16-18?
6. What was accomplished by the events of chapter 3 for each of the following?
 - Daniel’s three friends
 - The Jews in Babylon
 - Nebuchadnezzar
 - The enemies of the three Hebrews
 - The reader of this account



7. There are a number of issues raised in this chapter. Can you identify and discuss the following?
- Idolatry
 - Submission to the state and civil disobedience
 - Suffering
 - Divine deliverance
 - The preservation of the Jews
 - The Antichrist of the last days
 - Whom do we fear?
 - Fallen man's comprehension and response to divine revelation
 - The conversion of Nebuchadnezzar

Please remember these questions are not so much intended to consider historical issues, but the very real fact they exist today. They may be dressed up differently. Fortunately we have God's help, through the Holy Spirit to discern and identify Truth and His Heart for us and all people in this world and the difference we can all make as we are not only unified with each other, but with Him on this journey of life.