

Group Conversation Guide

Week of August 13

TITLE: GroupUP: The Grand Experiment

Scripture: Daniel 1–3

BEFORE YOUR MEETING

- Watch or attend this week's message from Church at Viera:
<https://churchatviera.com/live/>

BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION (ICEBREAKER)

- Share about a time when someone in your life made a difficult situation easier, better, or more meaningful.

STUDY TOGETHER

God Never Intended Us to Do Life Alone

Read Daniel 1:1–7

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah became a community committed to following God together.

- What difference do you think it made that they had each other to go through this together?
- Who are the people in your life who help you stay faithful to God?

They Got Together and Stayed Together

Read Daniel 1:8–19

Notice how often Daniel speaks in terms of “us,” “our,” “servants,” “four youths,” and “them.”

- Why is it easier to remain faithful when you have people beside you who share your commitment and values?
- How can your group help each other stay faithful?

They Prayed Together

Read Daniel 2:12–19

When Nebuchadnezzar demanded that his wise men reveal and interpret his dream, Daniel and his companions faced a life-or-death situation.

- What can we learn from Daniel's first response to a crisis?

- How can prayer become more powerful when we invite others into our struggles?

They Stood Together Through the Challenge

Read Daniel 3:4-13

Nebuchadnezzar commanded everyone to bow down and worship the golden image. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused.

- What pressures make it difficult for us to stand for what they believe?
- Why is courage easier when you know you aren't standing alone?

They Went Into the Fire Together

Read Daniel 3:16-18

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew God could deliver them, but they also declared that they would remain faithful even if He didn't deliver them.

- What stands out to you about the words “we,” “our,” and “us” in this passage?
- What can we learn from their faith when we don't know how God will answer?

They Celebrated God's Victories Together

Read Daniel 3:26-29

Nebuchadnezzar recognized that God had delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

- How can our group become a place where we become more like Jesus, strengthen one another, and help others see God at work?

WORSHIP TOGETHER

“Oh How Good It Is” — Keith & Kristyn Getty

<https://youtu.be/9dl6M-2gRf0?si=nPFASg6593uA0jdh>

PRAYER TOGETHER

Pray for:

- A deeper commitment to Christian community.
- People who will walk with us through life's challenges.
- God to help us trust and follow Jesus, together.