



SUMMIT
— C H U R C H —
DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 17, 2024 | *The 4th Man in the Furnace* (Caleb Smith)

Memory Verse *Deuteronomy 31:8 - The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*



CLOSER TOGETHER _____

- 1) What is your favorite hero story?
- 2) What is one word or phrase you would want to put on your tombstone.



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

- 1) Share something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) Read **Daniel 3** together. Does anything stand out to you from this passage as it relates to the message?
- 3) Why did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego not bend their knee to Nebuchadnezzar's statue? What would you have done in that situation?
- 4) How does today's culture pressure you to bow your knee and compromise in order to go along with it?
- 5) Share about a time you've experienced God's abiding presence in the midst of a furnace situation. How did it change you?
- 6) How does seeing someone do bold things for God strengthen or encourage you?
- 7) Why do people avoid furnace situations? Is this your tendency? Why or why not?



GOING DEEPER _____

READ Romans 8:31-39 together.

- 1) What is something from this passage that stands out to you?
- 2) What effect does the statement question in verse 31 have on your faith?
- 3) What does Paul mean in verse 32 when he says that God will graciously give us all things?
- 4) How does God counteract condemnation and accusations against his children?
- 5) What is the reality for those following Christ according to verses 35-36?
- 6) Have you ever lost anything because you took a stand for Christ or the Truth of the Bible? If so, what did you gain?
- 7) What does it mean to have victory in Christ (vs 37)?
- 8) How does knowing that God's love is constant and always present give you confidence in facing troubles, hardships or persecution?



LIVING IT OUT _____

- 1) Pray this prayer every day this week - "God, give me a chance to prove my love and devotion to you."
- 2) Share with someone outside of your group how God has met you in the furnace and what effect it had on your faith.



LIFT EACH OTHER UP _____

Take time to pray for each other.