

**Faithful in Exile**  
**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**Key Scriptures:** Daniel 1–3; Daniel 6; Romans 12:1–2; Daniel 2:44

**1. Opening Reflection**

- a) When have you experienced entering a new environment (workplace, school, neighborhood, season of life) where you felt pressure to fit in or conform?

**2. Exile and Identity (Daniel 1)**

Babylon tried to reshape Daniel and his friends by changing their names, education, diet, and loyalties.

- a) What are some modern ways culture tries to reshape our identity today?
- b) Which pressures feel strongest for you personally: success, acceptance, comfort, control, or something else?
- c) Why do you think faithfulness often begins with small, daily decisions rather than dramatic moments?
- d) **Key Insight:** Faithfulness in exile begins with remembering who you are and to whom you belong.

**3. Discernment and the Pressure to Redefine Truth**

The sermon highlighted the cultural pressure to treat truth as personal and flexible rather than revealed.

- a) Where do you most often hear the message “What’s true for you isn’t true for me”?
- b) How does this way of thinking affect moral decisions, relationships, or faith conversations?
- c) What helps you stay grounded in Christ as *the* truth (John 14:6)?

**4. God’s Presence in the Fire (Daniel 3)**

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God’s sovereignty even without certainty of deliverance.

- a) Read Dan. 3:16-18. What stands out to you about their response?
- b) How does knowing God is *with us* change how we face pressure or suffering?
- c) Can you recall a time when God met you in a difficult season rather than removing it?
- d) Can you recall a time when you needed profound wisdom or courage in a circumstance?

**5. How do God’s people remain faithful to Him while living in this world?**

The sermon emphasized Remembering your Identity (remember who you are and whom you belong to), Prayer & Worship, and Community.

- a) What are some ways we remind ourselves of our true identity in Christ?
- b) How does prayer and worship re-orient your heart when fear or anxiety creep in?
- c) Why is Christian community essential for discernment and perseverance?

**6. Hope Beyond Babylon (Daniel 2)**

God’s kingdom will outlast every earthly empire.

- a) How does remembering God’s eternal kingdom shape how we engage politics, culture, or news?
- b) What does it look like to live with hope while waiting for a kingdom we cannot yet fully see?

**Closing Prayer**

- a) Invite group members to briefly share one pressure they are facing right now.
- b) Pray for discernment, courage, faithfulness, and trust in God’s sovereign rule.

- c) Thank God that Babylon is not the end of the story—and that His kingdom will never fail.

**Take-Home Question**

*“What is shaping me right now—and am I intentionally allowing God’s Word, Spirit, and people to do that work?”*