

# ALL IN: Week 4 – We Love Relentlessly

## Open in Prayer

## Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision

## Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules

## Share context of the story *[Provide context by sharing the information below.]*

After Daniel interprets King Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Chapter 2 of Daniel, the King places Daniel in charge of Babylon. Daniel then appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego as administrators to the area. In chapter 3, King Nebuchadnezzar builds a golden image and demands everyone bow down before it. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow, trusting in their Lord to protect them.

## Tell the story – Daniel 3 *[Have someone tell the story.]*

## Rebuild the story *[Group members tell the story together based on what they remember.]*

## Read the story out loud *[Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted.]*

## Discuss these questions:

1. What do we learn about God from this passage? *[Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6); God's presence is always with us (1 Corinthians 6:19); God sometimes asks us to do things that aren't popular; God cares for His children and honors them when they are true to Him (1 Samuel 2:30); God doesn't want us to be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2); etc.]*
2. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage? *[My false faith withers in times of trial; my true faith takes root and grows during trials, bringing glory to God; I can make prideful decisions like King Nebuchadnezzar; I can place my faith in temporary objects instead of an eternal God; my faith can be swayed when facing opposition; I can have "commercial faith" and follow God as long as I am rewarded in the process; etc.]*
3. What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?
4. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

## Other Questions specific to this passage:

1. Describe situations when you witnessed a fellow believer expressing true faith. What words would you use to characterize that faith?
2. How can you develop a faith like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

## Assign Next week's passage – TBA *[Ask someone to tell the story next week.]*

## Close in Prayer

## ALL IN: Week 4 – Leadership Coaching

*The purpose of this page is to help you sharpen your skills as a Grow Group leader. Each week, we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your Grow Group and grow as a disciple yourself.*

### **Leading** *[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]*

We seek to maintain groups of 3-18 people to ensure that our Grow Groups are a place where relationships can develop. When groups grow beyond that mark, we enter into a season of branching the group or launching new leaders. This is the goal of EVERY Grow Group as we reproduce more leaders that seek to provide environments in which more people can be discipled. Often a branch or launch begins with an apprentice who you have been intentional to disciple and have equipped to lead.

Share that vision every single time your group meets. You can say something like, “We are a grow group. We are here to grow closer to the Lord, grow closer to each other, and grow numerically. As we grow, this group will branch so that we can disciple even more people.” Set the expectation that this is inevitable as we live out the mission of Jesus and that branching is sending those out to do the same. Healthy groups strive to reproduce themselves to see others discipled.

### **Shepherding** *[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]*

Part of branching, or launching leaders is developing apprentices. An apprentice is someone who is learning how to facilitate a Grow Group. You make intentional efforts to invest in their growth. Ensure that you are giving them opportunities to lead (tell the story, plan an outing, facilitate the group, etc.) and coach them on their efforts. Encourage them to attend BootCamp and BootCamp 2.0 and learn our disciple making strategy.

### **Developing** *[grow as a disciple yourself]*

Paul had perseverance when it came to seeing people discipled. Acts 19 details much of Paul’s time in Ephesus. Verse 8 states that he “entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.” When God made it clear that Paul’s work with the Jews was finished, he devoted himself to the Greek people. Paul spent the next two years teaching the Gentiles the gospel so that virtually all of modern day Turkey had heard the good news of Jesus Christ. Paul was persistent to make sure that those who came to faith were also discipled. How persistent have you been with those in your circle to see them come to faith and mature in Christ? Do not grow weary in your disciple making efforts!