

# LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

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September 28, 2014

Watch the video summary of the **September 28, 2014 sermon**, "Furnace of Faith." Read Daniel 3.

## Sermon Outline:

1. Biblical faith is confronted with religious alternatives (3.1-7).
2. Biblical faith is revealed through ethical decisions (3.8-18).
3. Biblical faith is tested during intense trials (3.19-23).
4. Biblical faith is respected by unlikely sources (3.24-30).

## Discussion Questions:

- What did you appreciate most about Sunday's sermon? Did it raise any other questions in your mind?
- How is the Christian faith confronted with religious alternatives today? As Christians, how should we deal with this confrontation? What are some ways we can better prepare ourselves?
- Pastor Gary said that Christians must "settle their convictions *prior* to temptations." What does that mean and how can it be done?
- In what ways have you personally been tempted to serve the world rather than God? Why is it difficult sometimes to "hold our ground" and remain faithful to God?
- In what ways have you personally experienced trials? What did those trials reveal about your faith? Can you look back retrospectively and see ways in which God worked during those times?
- Often times Christians are ridiculed for their faith in our culture. But have you seen or experienced your faith *respected* by unlikely sources? What did that look like? Why was your faith received positively in that situation?

Reflect on the gospel. Pray together and thank God for his grace and forgiveness even when our faith is weak, even when we fail to "hold our ground" in the midst of temptation. Pray for strength and endurance to face the trials ahead of us.