

# **Scripture:**

Daniel 3

## **Central Idea of the Message:**

Jesus Followers should welcome the testing of their faith

## **Supporting Points:**

A tested faith **builds** a **trusting** faith Faith may be **tested** to **show** Jesus to **others Faithfulness** in the fire **brings** you **closer** to Jesus

### **Shadows of Jesus:**

Jesus was faithful in the testing to bring us salvation

## **Grow Group Discussion**

- 1. Summarize the sermon today in your own words.
- 2. What are some highlights from the text that impacted you?
  - a. Why do you think verse / phrases / words stuck out to you?
- 3. Putting yourself in Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah's shoes, how would you have responded?
- 4. Take a moment to think about a time you were in a difficult test. (Perhaps this was health, family, financial, job, school related)
  - a. What was the effect it had on your faith for the next test?
  - b. What effect did it have on the people around you that knew you were struggling?
  - c. What effect did it have your relationship with Jesus?

#### Read Matthew 26:36-46

- 5. What do you think Jesus was feeling during this time?
- 6. How would you have responded?
- 7. Why is a strong faith in Jesus so important?
- 8. How will you handle the next test that comes you way?