



## GROUP DISCUSSION | Week 1: All-Stars of Daniel 3

### SERIES OVERVIEW

Welcome to “All-Stars,” a series that uses America’s favorite pastime as a launch angle to unpack *heroes of the Old Testament*. Built from the stories highlighted in Hebrews 11, brace yourself for an inspiring and captivating summer series where new players get called up weekly.

### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

Think of this discussion guide as a springboard. Use what’s helpful to your group, but don’t be afraid to share what you’ve studied. Throughout this series, each week’s speaker will provide Discussion Questions found below.

### CONNECTION

Share one of your favorite memories that has to do with baseball. Was it a ball game you went to? A time you once played Little League? Winning the State Championship?

### DISCUSSION

Living in America, we have religious freedom, so it is highly unlikely that here at home we’d face a test of faith like the one that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced, but what are some ways that you have faced opposition to your faith?

The 3 Hebrews were respectful to the King even though he was enraged. Monte said that we should remember that our faith is on display when the heat is on. Do you remember a time when you had to take a stand for your faith and things got heated? If so, what did you learn about how to set a good example through that experience?

Daniel 3:18 “But **even if** he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” The 3 Hebrews were willing to die rather than worship an idol. What would you be willing to lose to remain faithful to the Lord?

Monte compared bargaining with God vs having faith in God. Bargaining is about negotiating to get what you want, while faith is about obedience to what God has said. Remembering that God is all-powerful and He’s always with us helps us to live by faith. Why do these truths help and what else can help encourage us to not settle for bargaining with God?

God did a miracle by rescuing Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the furnace. Monte said that God specializes in the impossible. When in your life have you seen or experienced or seen God do the impossible? How did that affect your faith?

What stands out from this message; what was it that led 3 guys from Daniel chapter 3 into the Hall of Faith in Hebrews 11?

### PRAYER

Spend time praying for an “even if” brand of faith. Share requests and “go to bat” for one another.