



## **Living with Lions, Week 3**

*2,400 years ago a man named Daniel was captured and forced to live in the hostile, godless nation of Babylon. If you think our culture is bad, his was worse. But he was able to thrive in the midst of the pressure, staying faithful to God and growing in influence.*

**Conversation Starter:** *Have some fun as you break the ice.*

- What is something you've put into practice that has become second nature?
- Share a rescue story you've heard or witnessed that was miraculous.

**Key Scriptures:** *Let God's word frame the conversation. Take a minute to read this selected passage together as a Group.*

- Daniel 6:3-23

**Discussion Questions:** *Pick a few questions below to guide your time.*

**Starting Sharing:** *Choose a question or two to create openness.*

- What do you want to be known for?
- How have you experienced the three shift's that followers of Jesus are experiencing today?
- Share about a time when being true to yourself caused trouble or regret.

**Start Thinking:** *Choose a question or two to think critically about the subject.*

- How does everyday faithfulness yield hope and courage when life gets difficult?
- Why might we assume ease of life is contingent on being right with God?
- Jason shared that the miracle of Daniel's story wasn't the rescue from the lions but that Daniel was right with God. What makes this so miraculous?

**Make it Personal:** *Choose a question or two to help you identify your best next step.*

- What habits have you implemented to help you build a lifestyle of faith and connection to God?
- What would change in your life if you believed and remembered that eternity is waiting for you?

**Next Steps:** *Everybody has a next step. Check out some ideas below to help you grow by doing.*

- **Decide-** To live a life of purpose and meaning, we have to answer the questions: "In whose sight do you want to be right?" Take time to wrestle that out and act on your answer.
- **Memorize-** Build your faith muscles this week by memorizing Romans 8:38- "And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love."

**Prayer:** *Invite God to do what only He can do!*

Heavenly Father, please allow us to be people who live for your approval. Please give us the courage to make the hard choices and the discipline to put into place habits that will make those choices second nature as your Holy Spirit guides us. Amen