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## The BRIDGE Bible Study Pt. 2

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#### Opening Thoughts:

- The Bridge Bible Study will bring ALL generations together to study the Word and find common ground with one another!
- Ivy strives to be an INTERGENERATIONAL church. People of ALL ages and backgrounds finding COMMON GROUND in JESUS!
- **John 12:32: And I, when I am lifted up from the Earth, will draw all people to myself**

#### Opening Question:

- What ONE thing would you MOST like to see Ivy doing to BRIDGE the gap between generations in our church?

#### -P and Meech's Answer:

#### Bridge Activities would include:

- Fun Activities (game nights, etc)
- Mentorship
- Sunday worship
- Other

#### Today's Study: The "Fiery" Furnace: Daniel 3:1-30 (NLT)

#### Overview of the "Fiery" Furnace:

- Daniel 3: Setting: The Israelites are in Babylon
- The Israelites are in Babylon because of their disobedience
- King Nebuchadnezzar is the ruler
- The culture of Babylon is similar to ours today: full of IDOLS

#### The "Fiery" Furnace Pt. 1: Daniel 3:1-30 (NLT)

- **Phase 1: What is YOUR Golden Statue? (Dan. 3:1-12)**
- No matter our age there are things the world is trying to get believers to "bow down to." What are those things that you see? Things in our culture that move us away from God?

#### The "Fiery" Furnace Pt. 1: Daniel 3:1-30 (NLT)

- **Phase 2: What is YOUR furnace? (Daniel 3:13-15)**
- Because of our culture, there is a consequence for living according to God's will. What are some of those consequences? What makes it HARD to live/take a stand for God?

**KEY VERSE: DANIEL 3:16-18:**

- 16 SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO REPLIED, “NEBUCHADNEZZAR WE DO NOT NEED TO DEFEND OURSELVES BEFORE YOU 17IF WE ARE THROWN INTO THE BLAZING FIRE THE GOD WHOM WE SERVE IS ABLE TO SAVE US. HE WILL RESCUE US FROM YOUR POWER, YOUR MAJESTY. 18 BUT EVEN IF HE DOESN’T, WE WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO YOU, YOUR MAJESTY, THAT WE WILL NEVER SERVE YOUR GODS OR WORSHIP THE GOLD STATUE YOU HAVE SET UP.”

**The “Fiery” Furnace Pt. 3: Daniel 3:1-30 (NLT)**

- **PHASE 3: WHERE DO YOU NEED JESUS TO SHOW UP? (DANIEL 3:19-27)**
- OUR HOPE AS BELIEVERS IS THAT JESUS WOULD BE IN THE MIDST OF OUR TOUGH TIMES! WHERE DO YOU NEED HOPE THAT JESUS WILL SHOW UP FOR YOU? WHAT AREA/PLACE DOES JESUS NEED TO BE FOR YOU?

**KEY VERSE: DANIEL 3:28-30:**

- 28 Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego! He sent His angel to rescue His servants who trust in Him. They defied the king’s command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore, I make this decree: If any people whatever their race or nation or language speak a word against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, they will be torn from limb to limb and their house will be turned into heaps of rubble. There is no other God who can rescue like this!” 30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to even higher positions in the province of Babylon.

**Conclusion on the “Fiery” Furnace story:**

- In EVERY generation believers MUST be willing to take a stand for JESUS!
- In EVERY culture there will opposition to our God. But we must TRUST that God will be WITH US as we honor Him!