

Grace Group Discussion Guide

For the week of August 19-August 25, 2018

Main Thought and Passages:

"You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3 ESV)

*"...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment."
(Matthew 22:37-38 ESV)*

- We were created to worship. If we don't worship God, we're worshipping something else.
- Loving God with all our hearts means to put Him before everything.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose to stand for God even when faced with death.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." (Isaiah 43:2 ESV)

- As we stand for Christ, Christ stands for us.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace. Christ met them there, and they walked out of the fire without any harm.
- The fire that was meant to harm them actually burned away the rope that kept them tied up. What the enemy intended for evil, God will use for good.

Discussion Questions:

- What is something that you are tempted to worship before God?
- What "fiery furnace" or difficult situation are you going through right now?
- What does standing for Christ look like in your situation (Example: sharing your faith or not giving in to peer pressure)?

Prayer Points:

- Pray for boldness and courage to take a STAND for Christ.
- Pray for one person you feel God wants to make an impact in their life.

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