



Navigating Our Culture

- What stood out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone answer: Without making political statements... What are some things that are happening in culture today that are confusing you? *Leaders you will probably have to help guide some of them away from attacking political parties or figures.*
 - When you are confused by what is happening around you how does it make you feel? Sad? Scared? Angry? Why?
 - How do you practically respond to those emotions?
 - How does the confusion in culture impact your identity? Does it cause you to strengthen your convictions? Does it cause you to question your convictions? Why or why not?
 - Other than God, scripture, or church, where do you turn to find truth in our world?
- Read Daniel 6 *It's a long chapter, but it gives us a great model for how to live when culture pulls us away from allowing God to be our identity.*
 - What sticks out to you in this passage?
 - Make a list of their actions that you think you also could do in the face of cultural pressure.
 - Make a list of their actions that you think you could not do in the face of cultural pressure.
- In his teaching there were four takeaways that Pastor Dave outlined for us about Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego...
 - **They lived into their relationship with God**
 - What are ways they did that? What are ways you can do that?
 - **Made peace with being different**
 - What are ways they did that? What are ways you can do that?
 - **They showed respect to their governmental authorities**
 - What are ways they did that? What are ways you can do that?
 - **They kept a long faithfulness in God's direction**
 - What are ways they did that? What are ways you can do that?