Sermon Title: Faithful in the Fire-Living with Integrity in a Cancel Culture

Sermon Scripture: Daniel 6:25-28



# Sermon Discussion Guide (7/28)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

## Scripture

Read Daniel 6:6-28 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

#### Observation

What did Daniel do after King Darius's decree was issued? What do Daniel's actions reveal to us about what we should do when our faith is challenged?

How did God protect Daniel while he was in the lion's den? What did God allow to happen, and what did God stop from happening?

How does King Darius react to seeing Daniel protected by God while he was in the lion's den?

Read Psalm 1:1-3. What should we do to be like a tree that yields fruit and prospers? What should we not do?

### **Application**

Integrity is not protection from cultural opposition. Based on your own life circumstances, in what ways might a life of integrity lead to negative consequences or social pushback from others?

Our integrity is established in devotion. What practices or disciplines are included in your daily spiritual rhythm? Is this daily routine conducive to fostering strong integrity? Why or why not?

God uses our life of integrity to draw people to Himself. When people watch you and the way you live, do they see a life of faithfulness to God? Is there an area of your life that God is calling you to surrender to Him so that you can more fully glorify God in all that you do?

This is the last Sunday in the sermon series Faithful in the Fire, where we have seen how to live faithfully in a culture that often calls us to compromise. What has been your biggest takeaway from this sermon series? In light of what we have learned, how will you live your life differently so that you can stand strong in your faith, no matter what temptations you face?

# Prayer

Gracious God, You are the God who saves us and the God who fills us with Your Spirit so that we can live in a way that is pleasing to You. Today, we ask for the courage and conviction to live with integrity in a world that often calls us to compromise. Help us to be rooted in daily devotion, unwavering in our faith, and bold in our obedience. Form in us a heart that seeks You first. Give us strength when we are tested, peace when we are rejected, and grace when we are opposed. May our lives point others to You, so that through our witness, others may come to glorify the living God. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.