HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

SUNDAY GROUPS
TEACHING GUIDE
WEEK 2

MAIN SCRIPTURES:	MAIN POINT #1:	MAIN POINT #2:
Daniel 3 & 6	Our obedience is not just about us—when we obey, others can see God's power displayed.	Our faithful obedience to God can have an impact on our lives and everyone around us.

LIVE AND VIDEO TEACHING HYBRID FORMAT

INTRO 1

- *Take a moment to introduce yourself and your topic:* Today we are going to continue studying the book of Daniel and different ways it's relevant to us today.
- The first thing we are going to look at is how do we as Christians stand firm in our faith when pressure from our culture feels too heavy?
- Our first video clip with explore Daniel 3 and how our obedience is not just about us—when we obey, others can see God's power displayed.

GOD: VIDEO 1

- Before viewing the session, here are a few important things to look for in Sadie's teaching. As you watch, pay attention to how she answers the following questions.
    - After putting up a huge golden image, what did King Nebuchadnezzar require of everyone?
    - How does this story showcase God's sovereign control, despite what we see?
- **Watch Session 3: *Faithful in the Fire* (7 minutes).**

PAUSE HERE AND USE DISCUSSION GUIDE PART 1.

INTRO 2

- *Take a moment to introduce today's second main point*: Our faithful obedience to God can have an impact on our lives and everyone around us.
- We all have reputations. We will all leave a legacy.
- Most of us would agree that a good reputation is a good thing. But what happens when our enemies set out to destroy that reputation due to jealousy and pride?

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SO WHAT CONTINUED

GOD: VIDEO 2

- Before viewing the session, here are a few important things to look for in Sadie's teaching. As you watch, pay attention to how she answers the following questions.
  - According to Sadie, what is the theme of this session?
  - In what ways is King Darius different from King Nebuchadnezzar? Why is this difference important to the story?
  - How did Darius feel about Daniel and God?
- **Watch Session 4: *A Lifetime of Faithfulness* (7 minutes).**

JESUS CONNECTION

- Daniel is awesome, but Daniel isn't the hero of his story. God is the hero. God rescues and saves Daniel and his friends.
- Don't miss this: the same is true for us. We aren't the heroes of our story. God is the hero of our story and of our lives.
- God sent His son Jesus to rescue and save us from sin and death. We can only live faithful lives to God after we first put our faith in Jesus, in His loving grace.
- Once we take that first step, then we are called to a life of faithfulness. A life where we walk trusting God is faithful to us, even in the fire.

TRANSITION

- So what does this mean for us today?

NOW WHAT

NOW that I know, HOW can I live this out? (2-3 min)

YOU

- The journey of faithful obedience to God is going to be challenging. As Sadie stated, we live in a culture that hates God—and as believers, we have to stand firm in our faith knowing that the culture will try to pressure us into compromising.
- But as we learned in the book of Daniel, an uncompromising faith is worth it, and God is always on our side.

WE

- Like Daniel and his friends walked in their faith together, so can we! We can support each other to stand in fire and faithfulness.

PRAY

- Close your time together in prayer.
- Pray and ask God to give you courage and confidence to follow and obey Him, even in tough situations or over a long period of time.

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