GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

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Sometimes, people far from God need to see believers in Christ who endure "the heat" that comes from walking through life's challenges. As a result, God can use this to help those far from Him see how He's constantly at work, guiding those who trust Him, even in the midst of trials.

Kicking It Off:

What are some of your favorite oven-baked goodies? Do you prefer to bake them, gift them, or buy them?

Discussion:

- 1. Setting the stage... review Daniel 3:1-7. What did King Nebuchadnezzar build, and what was he trying to make everyone do?
- 2. Why would this decree have caused such an issue for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? (For reference, see Exodus 20:4-6.) What are some modern-day idols that we're tempted to worship?
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- 4. Jeff described how believers can feel a freedom and even joy as they go through the fires of life. In light of Psalm 34:18 and Isaiah 43:2, how is this possible? Meanwhile, what are some potential issues that could keep us from routinely experiencing that freedom, found in the presence of God?
- 5. How did God show up and show off at the end of this story in King Nebuchadnezzar's life? (See Daniel 3:28-30.) How does the story of John Wesley (plus Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's strong faith) inspire you to endure more trials?

Wrapping Up:

What challenges are you currently facing that could use some extra God-ordained power? Take a moment to read 1 Peter 5:9-10. Pray each group member would feel God restore, support, and strengthen you to courageously stand strong in your faith.