

## **Discussion Questions Course 203–2**

### **Large Group**

1. Has someone ever saved you from something?
2. In our previous lesson, does anyone remember what Chris forgot about?
3. How do you think that the three Hebrew men were able to serve God even when their lives were threatened?
4. Have you ever faced pressure to follow the crowd instead of obeying God?

### **Small Group**

#### **Teaching**

1. Can someone who was here last time remember what Chris learned from his adventure with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
2. Are you ready to learn more about the three Hebrew men: Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah?
3. Why do you think the king would change their names?
4. How can we win the victory?

#### **Discipleship Challenge**

1. Who would like to share how one of the Bible characters risked everything and obeyed God and what happened as a result of their obedience?
2. Can anyone share about a time in the last few days when you were able to stand up for God and obey Him—even if other people didn't want you to?

### **SuperVerse**

1. Daniel 3:18. What do you think about this statement? Do you think you could say the same thing in a difficult situation like this—why or why not?

### **Additional Activities**

#### **Protection Object Lesson**

1. This is a bicycle helmet. What does it do?
2. Now, what if I just held it in my hand while I rode my bike, or what if I hung it on the handlebars? Would it protect me?
3. Hold up the oven mitt or pot holder. What is this?
4. And what does it do?
5. Playfully put it on your head. Will it protect me now? Why not?
6. Hold up the goggles or safety glasses. Have you ever worn a pair of goggles or safety glasses? What do they do?
7. Now what if I just sat them on top of my head or hung them around my neck. Would they protect my eyes?
8. It is wonderful to know we serve a God who can save us from anything in the world. What has God saved us from?
9. The devil told Jesus that to prove He is the Son of God, He should jump off the highest point of the Temple, and God would save Him from harm. What did Jesus tell the devil?
10. Jesus replied that we must not test God. Do you think it would be smart to climb up on a high building and jump off to see if God will catch us? Why or why not?

## **Bible Study**

### **Stephen: Acts 6:8–12,15**

1. In verses 8 and 10, was Stephen timid and shy about doing God's work?
2. Did Stephen do anything wrong, causing his arrest?
3. In verse 15, why do you think Stephen's face was shining like an angel's? Hint, look at verses 8 and 10.
4. Do you think Stephen was full of fear standing before the council?

### **Acts 7:1,54–60**

1. In verse 1, what could Stephen have possibly done to save himself?
2. In verse 54, how is this similar to the story of the three Hebrew men?
3. In verses 55–56, was Stephen affected or shaken by their rage? Why or why not?
4. How can we apply that to situations we may find ourselves in?
5. In verses 57–58, did God save Stephen from the leaders?
6. In verse 58, do you know who this man named Saul became?
7. In verse 60, how does Stephen remind you of Jesus on the cross?

### **Matthew 26:36–39**

1. What was Jesus praying about here?
2. In verse 37, what did Jesus desire from His disciples?
3. In verses 37–38, how did Jesus feel?
4. What does verse 39 tell us about His struggle in His humanity and flesh while trying to do God's will? What did Jesus want to do even more than to save Himself from suffering?

### **Philippians 2:8**

1. Did God choose to spare Jesus from suffering on the cross?
2. What is similar and what is different in the conclusion of the story of Jesus and the three Hebrew men?