

SUNDAY GATHERING: 10:00 AM WE WERE CREATED FOR CONNECTION

# Gotta Worship Somebody

Today we shift to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Even though this might be the most well-known story in the Book of Daniel, it still remains an amazing event that challenges all of us.

#### Daniel 3:148

The most repeated word and theme = <u>Worship</u>

- Nebuchadnezzar worshipped <u>power</u>
  "the image of gold set up by ..." (7 times)
  "You are that <u>head</u> of <u>gold</u>" (Daniel 2:38)
  "Make me the most powerful being in the universe" (Jafar)
  "Genesis 11:4 = the <u>Tower</u> of <u>Babel</u>
- \* The Chaldeans worshipped position

"astrologers"

Babylon was their hometown

Jealousy motivated them to tell

Daniel's friends worshipped <u>the Personal God, Yahweh</u>
 "The God we serve" (verse 17)

Their prayer—"Not my<u>will</u>, but Your <u>will</u> be done."

Exodus 20:3 & 4

What gets in the way?

- ✓ My focus is on <u>me</u> (Galatians 2:20)
  - ✓ The pressure to <u>conform</u> (Romans 12:1-2 NLT)
    - ✓ So many <u>alternatives</u> (1 John 5:21)

Notes:

#### Reflective Questions

- What has been your closest brush with death or disaster?
- 2) What do you admire about the three young men in the story? How did they remain peaceful and confident?
- 3) What gets in the way of our primary focus of worship? How do we remain fixed on Christ as the One we worship?

### THE WORD SPEAKS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Thank you to those who signed up & paid for The Word Speaks Conference November 5-6 at the Oregon Garden in Silverton. Together we were able to get the group rate of \$65 per person. Today is the last day for those who are still interested, please see Deb Hubbell in the Foyer!

#### FOOD BANK

This Saturday, October 16

If you or someone you know needs food, our Food Bank from 9:00-11:00am this coming Saturday.

#### CHILD DEDICATION

Next Sunday, October 17

If you would like to dedicate your child to the Lord on next Sunday, please let Barry know, or fill out the Child Dedication card found in the Lobby and drop it in the Offering Slot.

ALIVE YOUTH FUN FALL FESTIVITIES

Sunday, October 24

Middle School and High School students will head to the Pumpkin Patch after church.

*Thursday, October 28* Middle School and High School students will have our Annual Costume Party! Contact Meredith for more information.

#### ADOPT-A-STREET

Saturday, October 30 @ 9am

It is time to be a good neighbor. Every three months we pick up trash on Hawthorne Avenue. Would you like to serve on this team this time? Sign-ups begin next Sunday.

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 31

Our fall community outreach is happening on Sunday, October 31st from 4-6pm. We are hosting a Trunk-or-Treat which is a free and safe trick-or-treating alternative for children and their families. Here's how you can help:

Donate individually wrapped candy beginning today, October 10th.

🕲 Sign-up in the lobby to bring your decorated car for the event

Contact Karen Offield with questions or for more information.



## GUESTS & VISITORS

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use the Connection Card in the back of the chairs or our online Connection Card (<u>newharvestch.org/connect</u>) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.