

# Table Group Weekly Experience

May 2, 2021

#### Mixer

Mother's Day is next Sunday! Who is an influential woman in your life - mom, sister, teacher, etc?

### Neighborly - Daily Devotional

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- 1. In Pastor Ken's 4/28/21 entry, *Let Your Walk Talk*, he shares a song that says King Nebuchanezzer, who did not worship Yahweh, saw Him (the fourth man; Daniel 3:25) in the fire. What is your 'fiery furnace' and how is your walk through it showing the world what that 'fourth man' looks like?
- 2. In Pastor Pam's 5/1/21 entry, Living in Babylon, she reminds us of 1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." Babylon is asking questions and demanding answers. How would you answer in grace and truth?

## Sermon Notes - How to ReOpen Your Life

Part 2: Smoke or Gold - Jared Herd

Scripture: Daniel 3:19-25, 26-27; James 1:2-4; Isaiah 43:1-3; Job 5:7; 1 Peter 4:12, 1:6-9

- 1. In the passage, Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego went through the raging furnace with their God, and they came out without even the smell of smoke on them. As we look back on our fiery furnace of 2020, do you smell like smoke?
- 2. What is your typical response to trials and troubles?
  - Do you deny it's happening?
  - Accept it as karma or punishment?
  - Pray that God would remove it?
  - Step into it knowing there will be pain and suffering?
- 3. Pastor Jared said we can't help but have been impacted by these last 13 months. What did God strip away from you in 2020 that you resisted, but that you can now see how He cultivated

something better? Are you a better \_\_\_\_\_ because of it? Is your world better because of it?

- 4. As a group, read this week's scriptures in both your favorite Bible version, and also in The Message (Bible Paraphrase). If you don't have this version, you can pull it up in the YouVersion Bible app.
  - Daniel 3:19-27
  - James 1:2-4
  - Isaiah 43:1-3
  - Job 5:7
  - 1 Peter 4:12
  - 1 Peter 1:6-9

## Go Deeper - with Goodbook

Dr. Mark Strauss & Pastor Ken Ingold Volume 2 - The New Testament Story Week 15 || Chapter 6 || The Life and Letters of Paul: Part 2

- 1. What is the underlying theme of all of Paul's letters?
- 2. Why is it important for the Bible to contain Paul's letters? What are some specific life lessons that resonate with you from each of his letters?
- 3. What is the significance to us of Paul writing letters from prison? What can we learn from his work for the Lord in the midst of his circumstances?
- 4. How do Paul's Pastoral letters help us today? Are they helpful only to church leaders, or to all Christ-followers? Why?

\*Are you joining the Goodbook Q&A Zoom on Tuesday evenings? Email ken@thechurchrb.org

#### Serve

There are still opportunities to serve out in our city for Good Neighbor Day, this Saturday, May 8!

Painting Interfaith Housing | Vegetation Widening Trails in Poway | San Diego Food Bank

Registration is open at thechurchrb.org/serve or in the Church Center App! Grab your Table Group and be Good Neighbors out there!

### Pray

Pray for the difference that being Good Neighbors will make in our city every day, remembering when it prospers, the people of God will prosper, too.