

Theme & Passages	<b>Confident Discipleship: Courage</b> Daniel 3 : 13–18	Notes prepared by Neil Casey
<b>Welcome (10 mins)</b>	Ask the group to think of people, real or fictional, who are courageous. Go around the group asking each member of the group to share their chosen person and to explain why they consider them to be courageous.	
<b>Working with God (15 mins):</b>  Evangelism Discipleship Compassion Justice Creation Care	<p>This week we are focussing on one of our international mission partners "Open Doors" a Christian organisation that supports persecuted Christians. Open Doors demonstrates four of the five marks of mission - evangelism, discipleship, compassion and justice. Show the video of Ko Aung, a Christian from Myanmar - <a href="#">Ko Aung's Story</a>. Ask the group to share what impression they are left with after seeing Ko Aung's situation.</p> <p>Take a moment to reflect on the freedom that we have in the UK to worship God in safety. Contrast this with the situation for believers in Myanmar.</p> <p>Pray for Ko Aung, and people like him, who courageously practice their faith in spite of the persecution they face, and pray for Open Doors as they continue to support persecuted Christians around the world.</p>	
<b>Worship (15 mins)</b>	Spend some time worshipping God. Explain that you will start with a moment of quiet, and will then play the worship song <a href="#">God I Look to You</a> Ask the group to allow the words to wash over them, and, as the words continue, to bring situations that they are facing to God during the song. Once the song has finished allow some time for people in the group to pray out loud as they feel led.	
<b>Word (20-25 mins)</b>	<p>Neil completed our series on Confident Discipleship by looking at Courage.</p> <p><b>Read</b> Daniel 3:13–18</p> <p>Neil described this passage as an example of a crunch moment.</p> <p>Ask the group to think of other crunch moments in the Bible and to share those explaining why they think they are crunch moments</p> <p>Neil said that "Courage comes at a price". What do you think he meant by that?</p> <p>Neil shared the idea of "Metochos" - the idea that we are partners with God In His enterprise in the world. His work is our work. He suggested that when we do the just thing, the gracious thing, the compassionate the thing, the loving thing, the thing that points people towards God we are doing God's work. Do you agree with Him. If so, why, If not why not?</p> <p>This series has been about becoming confident disciples. Do a quick recap with the group on the 6 C's - being convinced, community, compassion,</p>	

consistency, competence and courage.

Ask the group to share crunch situations that they are facing. Ask those that share to think what would be a Godly outcome to their situation. Take time praying for each other, asking for the Godly outcome in each situation, and for courage to come in each situation.

Finish the meeting by praying Lamentations 3:22-23 over the group.