

## **Bible Summary**

Daniel 3:12

The Cultural Hot Seat

Babylon like all cultures seeks to shape people after its image. In Daniel 3:12 we see three universal cultural pressures. The first is nationalism which makes an idol of a nation and demands blind allegiance. Second is pluralism or the idea that everyone can decide for themselves because there are no objective truths. Finally is worship. Every culture has their idealized image and it beckons the citizens to bow and worship this image.

Scriptures - Daniel 3:1-30; Acts 11:19-26; Genesis 1:26-28; Hebrews 12:2, Romans 8:29

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Discuss the differences between nationalism and patriotism.
3. What do you think about the statement believers are to be patriots?
4. Pluralism says you can serve your god but you have to serve mine too. How do you see that played out in culture?
5. Pluralism leads to more and more division. Discuss how pluralism doesn't unite us but further divides us as people.
6. "Good" people tend to believe they don't need a Savior. How would you share the Gospel to the "good" people?
7. How has science and technology attempted to remove our need for God?
8. Discuss Matt's statement, "all humans will worship something".
9. What can you do to help yourself identify how culture is trying to shape you?