

# **Unshaken:** God's Got This

June 13th & 14th

**Speaker:** Dr. Mark Batterson **Scripture:** Daniel 1

### **Series Overview**

Unshaken is living countercultural, even if it costs you a fiery furnace. Unshaken is letting your conscience be your guide, even if it lands you in a lion's den. God is not nervous. God is victorious. Simply put, God's got this! When the world feels shaken, we can rest upon the Unshaken One. When all else fails, He never will. Join us in this **12-week reading plan** as we dive deeper into the book of Daniel and how it applies to our lives today.

## **Series Discussion Questions**

How are you living out what you're learning from the book of Daniel in your life right now?

#### **Message Overview**

Unshaken is confronting the brutal facts with unwavering faith, even when you're taken captive by enemy armies. Unshaken is refusing to compromise your convictions, even when the rest of the world is bowing to a 90-foot statue. Unshaken is living countercultural, even if it costs you a fiery furnace. Unshaken is letting your conscience be your guide, even if it lands you in a lion's den. God is not nervous. God is victorious. Simply put, God's got this!

## **Message-Specific Discussion Questions**

Take time to watch the Bible Project's video on the book of Daniel.

Pastor Mark shared how "If you don't know what you stand for, you will bow down to the biggest idol. You have to define success for yourself or you will default to a cultural

definition. You have to determine your core values or you will live down to the least common denominator." What would you say are your personal core values?

Read Revelation 11:15. James Stockdale, senior Naval officer and POW at the infamous Hanoi Hilton said, "I never lost faith in the end of the story." What would be different about your life if you truly lived like you had faith in the end of the story?

Have you ever had the opportunity to be a prophet in the life of someone you disagreed with? Did you ever have any awkward conversations? What was the experience like?

How do you pursue the transformation and renewal of your mind? What does this pursuit look like for you on a regular basis?

In his message, Pastor Mark elaborated on the name changes of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. How have you let the culture name you? How have you let culture tame you?

Who can you identify as someone who has risked their reputation for what is right? What can you learn from their example?

## **Practical Application**

- Read the first chapter of the book of Daniel. What do you learn? Commit to journeying through the book with us this summer with our chapter-by-chapter Bible Reading Plan at <u>ncc.re/unshaken</u>. Each week's plan will be posted by Saturday for the week ahead.
- □ Pronounce God's favor over your group, friends, and/or family. Call each member by name and declare that God has equipped them for such a time as this.
- □ Critics point out problems. Prophets point out solutions. Pray for the ability to be a solution-oriented prophet throughout the week. Do so for one another if you're meeting with others in a small group.
- □ For our 10 Days of Breakthrough, we had more than 400 people gathered each morning at 7:14am. We'll continue to join together in the Upper Zoom Monday through Friday starting June 15th at 7:14am. Find more details, including how to register, here.