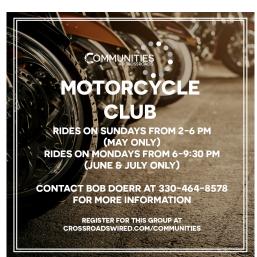
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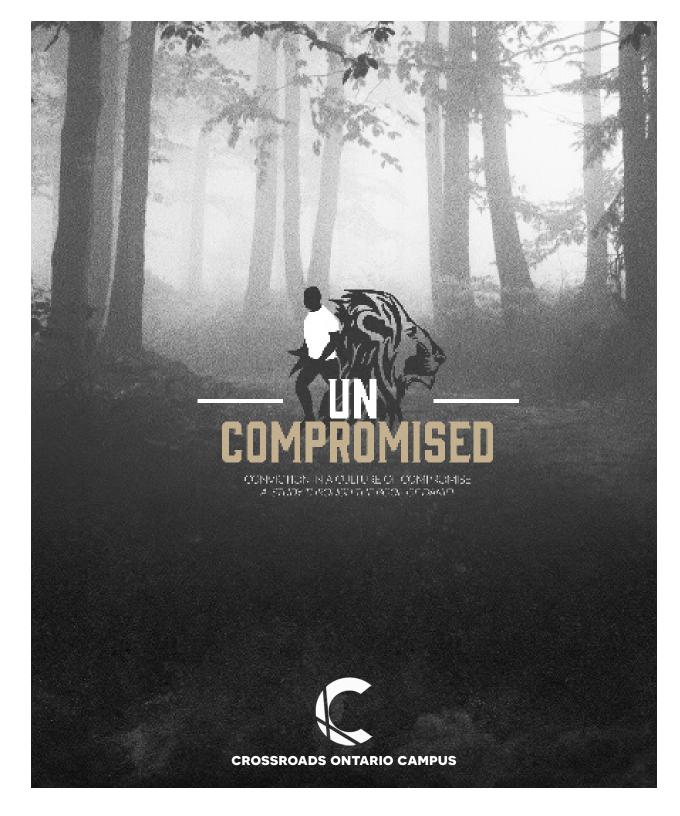
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| UnCompromised: | Faith | through | the | Fire |
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| Daniel 4       |       | •       |     |      |

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| 1. The World                             | Idols             |          |
| 2. The World Us \                        | Vhen We Don't Bow |          |
| 3. The World Needs To See                |                   |          |
| 4. The World Needs To See Christians Sto | ınd               | In Chris |

God doesn't promise that He will necessarily keep His people from the fire. But, He does promise that He will be with His people in the flame. Ultimately we see Christ faced the fire so no matter the fire we face, we can face it with hope. We can face it standing on His promises. God's commitment to be with us finds its fullest fulfillment in Jesus, who is Immanuel—God with us. How should we respond to the God who is with us through the fire and the flame? We should bow to Him in reverent submission and we should lovingly share the news with "all the peoples, nations, and languages" that He alone is worthy of worship. ~ Pastor Paul

# \_\_deeper study

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## Open:

What do you think was going through Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's head when they heard that everyone must bow to the idol of gold or be cast into the fiery furnace? Have you faced a challenge that felt similar? Share your story.

#### Read:

Exodus 3:12; Isaiah 43:2; Matthew 28:18-20; Hebrew 13:5; James 5:10-11a; 1 Peter 4:12-14

#### Discuss:

- 1. The New City Catechism says, "Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security." What are the similarities and differences between the idolatry of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's day and our day? And how does the world communicate to us that we should bow?
- 2. What does God's faithfulness mean to you? How have you experienced God's faithfulness in your life?
- 3. How can you grow to trust in Christ in adverse situations? What do you think helped Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to respond in the way they did?
- 4. God could have saved the three men before they were thrown into the furnace. What does the experience of actually walking through the fire show us about their faith? What does it show us about God's love and salvation?
- 5. The king was shocked to see four men in the fire and described the appearance of one of them as looking like the Son of God. Most scholars believe this was actually a pre-incarnation appearance of Jesus. What does this display about God's love for the three men? How does this connect to our lives today?

#### Pray:

Pray that you would have a clearer view of God's glory at work in every detail of your life. Ask God to reveal to you your passions that have the potential to pull you away from fully living for God's glory. Pray that our church would be a beautiful reflection of God's glory throughout the region.

#### Memorize/Meditate:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you" (Isaiah 43:2).