



## The Art of Formation Discussion Guide

### Wk. 3 Discussion:

#### **Begin with prayer**

5 min

#### **Check In**

30-40 min

Spend a few minutes catching up on life with one another. Try to casually move into the check in time. By this week there should be a bit more familiarity with the prompts. However, it's too soon to expect everyone to remember each of them. Continue to practice grace and patience as your community adopts this new practice.

- Fruit: what has been bringing you joy lately?
- Thorn: what have you been struggling with lately?
- Vine: how have you seen or been connecting with God lately?
- Bud: what are you looking forward to?

#### **Discuss this week's practice**

20-25 min

- How was confrontation modelled for you growing up?
- How do you best receive correction? How do you typically give it?
- Describe a time when you felt pressured to be silent. Describe a time that you felt empowered to be bold. What were the contributing factors?

#### **Open your bibles together**

20-25 min

- Read Daniel 3:8-30
- Would this story be worth telling if God had not delivered them?
- Consider the lessons you learned about confrontation growing up. Based on what you saw, how would you have handled this situation?
- As Christians, we are often perceived as either submissive or obstinate. How do you know when to be which?
- 2 Timothy 4:2
- How do we rebuke in patience and correct in love?



**Prayer for one another**

10 min

- Encourage the person who's assigned over prayer request to get them at this time

**Talk about the coming week's practice**

5 min

Encourage everyone to keep up with the practice throughout the week and look for fruits, thorns, vines, and buds.