



## **PART TWO: FRIENDS THROUGH THE FIRE**

### **Introduction**

Our culture is emerging from a season of uncertainty, fear, and division. Many of us are exhausted. And as we look ahead, things don't appear any more certain. From foreign wars to roller-coaster economics, we have much cause for concern. What would it be like to face the storms of life with confidence instead of anxiety? How do some people seem to feel courage when the rest of us are afraid?

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt like you were just getting knocked back down over and over again?
2. For those who haven't heard the story, have someone in the group summarize the story of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abenego from Daniel 1 & 3.
3. If you had to go into the fire for your faith, who would you want with you. Name them. Can you name as many as 4, 5, or 6? How do those people encourage you?
4. Have someone read Hebrews 10:24-25. What does it mean to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds?"
5. Why does the author of Hebrews tell us to "not give up meeting together?"
6. When you think of seasons when your faith really grew, is there a specific person that's part of that story?
7. You need authentic community, and so do your kids. What's your plan to be intentional about that during the coming school year?

### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.*

*Do not be frightened, and*

*do not be dismayed, for*

*the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

-Joshua 1:9 (ESV)