

# Faith Under Fire

## Small Group Guide

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What is the accomplishment you worked hardest at to get in life?
2. Would you rather spend the day at an amusement park or the beach and why?

**Read the following passage:** Hebrews 12:1-13.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Who are some of the “heroes of the faith” who have inspired you to persevere during difficult circumstances?
2. Have you ever found yourself sinking into self pity when things go wrong? How does Jesus’ victory help us from sliding into self pity?
3. Discipline begins where emotional motivation ends. What role does a disciplined will play in being a loyal and loving follower of Jesus? How do we grow past only obeying God when we feel like it?
4. “God disciplines us so that we might share in his holiness.” How does the discipline of God make us more like him? How does knowing that God disciplines those who are truly his children produce the security you need to receive the lesson?
5. Have you ever found yourself feeling paralyzed by fear, that no matter what you did everything would turn out bad? How does God get us out of that mindset?
6. When we allow the discipline of God to train us we reap a “harvest of righteousness and peace.” What does that mean and how does that motivate us to not throw away our confidence in God?
7. How can you be a source of love and encouragement to someone else who is struggling this week?

**Pray**