

# BREAK THROUGH

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

## TALK IT OVER

### DEFINING BREAKTHROUGH

A sudden act of moving through or beyond an obstacle.

### 3 POINTS OF PERSISTENCE

1. Persist not just for you, but for others, and others.
2. We're called to be persistent in the suffering.
3. Be persistent like Christ.

### KEY SCRIPTURES

<sup>3</sup>Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. <sup>5</sup>And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. <sup>6</sup>And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. <sup>7</sup>Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.

2 Timothy 2:3-7

<sup>51</sup>As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus *resolutely* set out for Jerusalem.

Luke 9:51

### PAUL'S IMAGE OF CHRISTIAN PERSISTENCE

1. Soldier
2. Athlete
3. Farmer

Select 1 or 2 questions from each section of this guide to lead your group or house church in a discussion. Feel free to adjust as needed. Each section is designed to follow each video segment of the message.

- **Video Section #1: Explore the Topic**  
> Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking
- **Video Section #2: Explore what God says about the Topic**  
> Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture
- **Video Section #3: Explore what we do with the Topic**  
> Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps  
> Pray it Out | Goal: Lift of prayers, petitions, and praises

#### Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking

- When have you been or have seen an example of persistence?
- Beyond persistence, what else can we learn from the example of the Wright Brothers?
- What do you need to do, persistently, in order to experience Breakthrough?

#### Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture

- Review the **3 POINTS OF PERSISTENCE** and allow your group to describe what each point means to them.
- Paul's uses 3 images to illustrate Christian persistence; review these images by reading **2 Timothy 2:3-7** and discuss the connection between each character and persistence.
- Why is persistence never just about you?

#### Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps

- Jesus is our ultimate example of persistence, what does it look like to be resolute, steadfast, set your face, strong resolve, and determined to experience Breakthrough
- What do you need to do, persistently, in order to experience Breakthrough this week?

#### Pray it Out | Goal: Lift up prayers, petitions, and praises

- How can we pray for you during the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting for Breakthrough?
- Take time to share prayer requests, and spend time praying for our church, community, country, and world. Help the members of your group to feel invited and cared for.