

Leader Notes

HACKSAW RIDGE

STEP ONE: *"And the icebreaker is"*

- » Have someone open and read one of the **icebreaker** envelopes.
- » Go around the circle to **answer**.

Leader note: It does not matter which envelope is opened on any given week. Have fun with it ... kind of like opening the envelope at the Oscars to announce the winner.

STEP TWO: *SOAP Bible Study*

- » Pass out the **SOAP** Bible Study sheets and pens to everyone.
- » Go around the circle and have people **read** one verse out loud.
- » Take a few minutes to silently write down any thoughts from the **passage**.
- » **Discuss** observations from the passage.

Leader note: Have a few observations of your own that you can use. For example, after allowing others to answer, you might say, "One thing I thought was interesting was that music was used as the cue to bow down and how the passage repeated all of the instruments that were played several times. What jumped out to you guys?"

STEP THREE: *Movie Time*

- » Play the **video**.

Leader note: Test the technology ahead of time to make sure everything works.



STEP FOUR: *Discussion Questions*

Leader note: Success is getting people to engage with the questions. It's okay if you don't get to all of the questions.

1. What thoughts or insights do you have from the weekend message or the video teaching?
2. Garrett shared that he had a coach who said you will never play harder than you practice. How does this principle relate to your spiritual life?
3. What spiritual practices do you do that help you feel most connected to God?
4. When faced with difficult situations, it is easy to compromise rather than to stand firm and obey God. What are some ways people make excuses to justify or compromise?
5. In what situations do you find it most difficult to trust God? Why?
6. Why do some people react so strongly to others standing for what they believe in?
7. Nebuchadnezzar built an image of himself to worship. In what ways do people figuratively build "statues" to themselves today?
8. God was present in the fiery furnace. When is time you sensed God's presence with you while going through a difficult time?

