Discussion Guide: *Unbroken*

*Unbroken* is the incredible true story of Louie Zamperini, an Olympic athlete who suffers a series of unfortunate events that bring him to the brink of death in World War II. Some of the themes featured in the movie include perseverance, grit, and the power of camaraderie.

**Take advantage of the teachable moments presented in *Unbroken* by using these questions to help guide a discussion with your team or children.**

1.) What is significant about the film’s title *Unbroken*?

2.) How did Louie’s childhood prepare him for war? How did Louie’s running career prepare him for war?

3.) Before going off to war, Louie’s brother, Pete tells him, “A moment of pain is worth a lifetime of glory.” What is significant about this quote? Why do you think Pete tells Louie this?

4.) After being shot down, Louie, Phil, and Mac emerge as survivors on the raft. In what ways is teamwork essential to their survival? What happens when they don’t work together?

5.) Why is Louie always the first one to be beaten? What do you think Louie has that the Japanese are afraid of?

6.) In the end, Louie realizes the way forward is not by revenge but through forgiveness. Why is revenge not the answer?