



Kiss The Fire - Week 1 | Shawn Johnson | 10.05.2025
Weekly Study

SHARE

As group members settle in, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how their lives are going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

- **Share a high, a low, and something interesting from this week.**

GROW

Welcome to our brand-new series, *Kiss the Fire*.

Inspired by Shawn's upcoming book, which is releasing on October 14th, this series is all about learning how to get back up when you want to quit. Each week, we'll dive into short, powerful studies that meet you where you are and help you find faith in the middle of the fire.

For those who want to go deeper, Ryan Wekenman has written an incredible 10-week study that pairs perfectly with this series. You can grab the book in our lobbies or find the full study on our app.

In this first message, we're challenged to Kiss the Fire—to face our struggles head-on with unwavering faith. We'll explore what it means to trust God's promises, even when our

circumstances tell a different story. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that God's plans are for our good, not our harm, and 1 Timothy 6:12 calls us to fight the good fight of faith.

This series is an invitation to hold onto hope when life hurts, to believe in miracles again, and to discover that even in the flames, God is still at work—bringing purpose out of pain.

Read Jeremiah 29:11, 1 Timothy 6:12

- **What stuck out to you from this week's message?**
- **On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate the season of life you're in? (1 being that you are one setback away from giving up completely, and 10 being that you couldn't imagine life getting any better)**
- **How many people in your inner circle actually know where you're at? Why?**
- **What characteristics of God have you clung to when navigating difficult seasons of life?**

M O V E

Here are three reasons why you shouldn't give up:

1. Because God still does miracles.
2. Because God still has a plan.
3. Because there's more purpose in this pain than you could imagine.

No matter what season you're walking through, God is still writing your story—and He's not done yet.

He's still the God who parts seas, heals the broken, and brings life where there once was none. Even when life feels uncertain or painful, His plans remain good. What looks like a setback may be the soil where new faith takes root.

Our pain isn't wasted—it's often where purpose is born. Just as Joseph's suffering became someone else's salvation, God can use your story to bring hope and healing to others. He is present in every valley, guiding, comforting, and reminding you that He's still in control.

So don't give up. Keep believing for the impossible. The same God who worked miracles then is still doing them now—often in ways we can't yet see. Hold on to hope, because even in the fire, God is shaping something beautiful out of your pain.

- **What does "kissing the fire" mean to you in your current life circumstances?**
- **What role does community play in helping us persevere through hardships, and how can we better support one another in times of crisis?**
- **What practical steps can we take to "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 6:12) when we feel like giving up?**

P R A Y

Take a few minutes to allow people to share prayer requests with the group and then pray for each other.