

### **LEARN**

Read Hebrews 11:30-31. What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday? What was most helpful, encouraging or challenging to your walk with Christ?

Why is the method of Israel's victory over Jericho so important?

(Humanly speaking, it was ridiculous and foolish. It displayed God's power over his enemies to use any means to give his people victory. He calls us to obey in the midst of things not making sense.)

What do you learn about the mercy of God in the story of Rahab? Why is it such an amazing Old Testament picture of the gospel?

(Unbelief will damn the best and belief will save the worst. No one with breath in their lungs is too far from the saving power of God. God redeems the "irredeemable". God's mercy flattens all of us because we are equally in need)

### **PRACTICE**

Read Joshua 6:1-7. Faith overpowers the obstacles in your path between promise and possession. What are some obstacles that keep you from remaining obedient and faithful to God? How does your faith overpower those obstacles?

(Answers may include unexpected discouraging circumstances, wavering after a long time, doubt creeping in, worldly influences, temptation to take an easier route. Overpowering often comes back to repentance, worship, prayer, reliance on the Holy Spirit, time in the Word and community)

Living by faith will mean times when your actions don't make sense to you. Do you have an example of this being true recently or present day? What encourages you to continue trusting the Lord?

Faith overpowers the brokenness in your life that stands between you and God. How have you seen this to be true in your own life? Is there an area of your life that you need to trust this to be true right now?

(For the 2<sup>nd</sup> part, the goal would be evaluating hard/confusing circumstances, or one's own sin and believing God's promises and gospel truths for growth)

How should the story of Rahab influence the way you think about and speak about the power of God to save people?

(This gets at how we think about the gospel. Do people see it as a way to become "good" or do they see it as God's abundant power through Jesus to save the lost, rescue enslaved sinners, and raise them up from spiritual death? It needs to fire us up for God's great power to save any and all who place faith in him)

### **CHANGE**

Many times, the obstacles to living by faith are inside of us and not outside circumstances. What form does unbelief take in your life these days?

(Leaders: Aim to get past circumstances to the heart issues of unbelief. What truth about God or the gospel does a person forget or often not believe? Consider matching up one person to another for prayer all week, with multiple check ins for encouragement. Pray together for God to break through and restore a more robust, consistent belief in each other's walk with Christ)