

DISCUSSION GUIDE

FAITH AND OBEDIENCE
Hebrews 11:30
The Faith Chapter — Week 8

ICEBREAKER: What's your favorite spot from which to view the sunrise or sunset?

OVERVIEW: After Moses, Joshua became the new leader of the Israelites. His story begins with the battle of Jericho where we see the awesome power of God on display. But that's not all we see. We also see a clear lesson about faith. In this study we will go deeper with the relationship between faith and obedience.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. When is obeying God hard?
3. Why should we obey God?
4. Has disobeying God ever benefited anyone? Explain.
5. Read Joshua 1:6-9.
 - a. Who is the speaker in this passage, and who is being spoken to?
 - b. What commands are given in this passage?
 - c. What did Joshua need strength and courage for?

- d. Why does obedience require strength and courage?
 - e. What is the promise in this verse? Does this promise apply to everyone, or only Joshua?
 - f. Why didn't Joshua need to be discouraged or afraid? Does this also apply to us?
 - g. What was Joshua's assignment, and what would be the key to his success?
6. Read Hebrews 11:30 and refer Sunday's sermon for the following questions.
- a. What did God command Joshua to do in this story?
 - b. What made this command difficult to obey?
 - c. How Joshua's obedience require faith?
 - d. What is the relationship between faith and obedience?
 - e. How can a person grow in faith?

The Last Word: "You only believe the parts of the Bible that you obey."

