

DISCUSSION GUIDE

LEARNING ABOUT FAITH FROM A PROSTITUTE

Hebrews 11:31

The Faith Chapter — Week 9

ICEBREAKER: What magic tricks do you know? Perform one now.

OVERVIEW: Emerson said, “In my walks, every man I meet is my superior in some way, and in that I learn something from him.” In other words, you can learn something from everyone you meet — even if it is what NOT to do. This week we are going deeper with the story of Rahab to learn about faith from a prostitute.

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. What have you learned from someone’s bad example?
3. What have you learned from someone’s good example?
4. What is the most surprising thing about Rahab’s story?
5. In the story of Rahab we are reminded that anyone can be saved and changed — even a Gentile prostitute. We see a New Testament example of this in the life of Paul. Read Philippians 3:4-10.
 - a. What was Paul like before Christ?
 - b. In what ways did Paul change after his conversion?
 - c. How did such a change come about?
 - d. What is the most amazing conversion you have ever seen?

6. Refer to Sunday’s sermon and answer the following questions.
 - a. James points to the story of Rahab to argue that faith is proven by works (James 2:25-26). What did he mean by this? How does the story of Rahab illustrate this?
 - b. What do your works say about your faith?
 - c. How does Rahab’s story teach us that faith takes great risks for God? What have you had to risk for Christ? Is it possible for a Christian to not take risks for God? Explain.
 - d. How does Rahab’s story illustrate the truth that faith is uncommon? Are you willing to be different, to stand out, to stand alone for Christ? Explain.

The Last Word: “What I do today is what I really believe; everything else is just religious talk.” — Vance Havner

