BUILD UP TO REACH OUT

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Hebrews 11:30-31 & Joshua 2; 6:1-25
Questions based on the sermon from May 11, 2025

Getting to Know Me

1. Sunday, we heard a powerful testimony about the impact of contagious joy. When has someone's joy influenced you, or when has your joy made a difference in someone else's life?

2. What challenged, inspired or encouraged you through Sunday's teaching?

Digging Deeper

3. How familiar are you with Rahab's story? Have you ever noticed that she's in the Hebrews 11 *Hall of Faith*, but Joshua isn't?

4. Read Joshua 2:8-13. God's miracles shook the people of Jericho.
   - How did Rahab respond differently from others in her city?
   - What stands out about how she asks the spies for kindness?

5. What was the result, according to Joshua 6:22-25?

6. How does the simple, sufficient faith of the widow in Mark 12:41-44 and the Samaritan woman in John 4 show bold, confident action, rooted in faith?

7. The big idea Sunday was that *God's grace brings outsiders in* – and it's by faith, not effort. Rahab is lifted as an example of this. Read James 2:25-26, and consider:
   - How does James view the connection of faith and deeds?
   - How does Rahab's story show that it wasn't her *action* that saved her, but her *faith* expressed through action?
   - How is this different from trying to earn righteousness through good works?

Making it Personal

8. Where in your life might God invite you to act in faith, not to earn His love, but because you already have it?

9. How does welcoming 'outsiders' by faith challenge you? Who stretches your view of who belongs in God's family?

10. How can we become the kind of people who make others feel truly welcome, especially those who might feel like outsiders?

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11. What questions do you still have about either the building campaign or how The Tab will operate for the summer?

12. Invite the Holy Spirit to place on your heart a specific person to reach out to and a specific way to engage in this vision for our church.

Prayer: Matthew 9:37-38 reminds us that "*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field*."

Ask God to give you clear vision to see those he's calling you to reach out to and courage to open a spiritual or gospel conversation this week. Pray for at least one name you're seeking to share with.

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