

# LIVING BEYOND

## WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

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**MAIN IDEA:** Is my faith big enough to help me overcome?

#### WELCOME 10 MINUTES

Who is someone you admire for what they've overcome in life?

#### WORSHIP 10 MINUTES

A lot of times when we hear stories about someone overcoming an obstacle, it's a human achievement. But as Christians, how do we give God the glory for the things we have overcome? Read these passages, and then spend some time in prayer thanking him for the things he's helped you overcome.

John 16:33

1 John 5:4

Romans 8:37

Romans 12:21

#### WORD 35 MINUTES

Our fall series on Hebrews 11 will cover numerous Old Testament stories. So while our weekly discussion will unpack Hebrews 11 and the weekend message, let's also commit to reading God's word before meeting together so we have a fresh view of the whole story.

1. Read Hebrews 11:30-31. What do you know about the story of the Israelites and Jericho? (The story is found in Joshua 1-6.)
2. How did the walls of Jericho fall by faith?
3. What did Rahab risk in order to help the Israelites?

4. Jericho was the first big test for Israel after they were wandered in the wilderness for 40 years because of the lack of faith of the former generation. They had to overcome a cultural and familial mindset in order to experience the breakthrough of coming into the promised land. What do you think you have needed to overcome in your faith life because of your cultural and familial upbringing?

5. Rahab was a prostitute. Not a glamorous or holy job. Yet God used her when she put her faith in him. She was not defeated by the shame of her past. Does shame from your past stop you from believing that God can use you?

6. The story of Israel and Jericho is a story about trusting God when the odds are overwhelming. Is there anything in your life where the odds seem overwhelming but you know you need to trust God?

7. The victory of the Israelites over Jericho was a communal victory. It wasn't just one person who had faith, but the whole nation of people who stepped forward in faith. How do you see a correlation between this story and our story as a church to build a new building?

#### WORKS 15 MINUTES

1. Daily Devotion: Next week is our last study guide for 2020 as we wrap up Hebrews 11. Read Daniel 3-6 & 1 Corinthians 4 before next week's discussion.
2. Celebration: Whether it is in person or digital, spend some time in celebration (eat food, play games, laugh) to close out our fall group season.