"Unique Faith" Hebrews 11: 30-31 (The Life of Joshua and Rahab) February 19, 2012

1. Discovering faith in the <u>natural world</u>.

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell after the people marched around them for seven days." Hebrews 11:30

• The fallen walls.

2. Discovering faith in the social world.

"By faith Rahab the prostitute escaped the destruction of the disobedient."
Hebrews 11:31

- The fallen woman.
 - **a.** Rahab's story can be summed up in a simple way.
 - i. Her trust.

Joshua 2:8 - "I know the Lord is handing the land over to you."

- ii. Her territory.
- iii. Her twine.

Ex. 12:23 - "When I see the blood I will pass over you."

3. Discovering faith in your world.

- "...the destruction of the disobedient,..." Hebrews 11:31a
- The fallen welcome.

Application

- What wall needs to come down in your life?
- What social problem needs healing?
- Are you ready for Christ to enter your world?

Bible Study Questions/ Discussion "The Uniqueness of Faith" (Heb. 11:30-31) (The Life of Joshua) Feb. 19, 2012

1.	Joshua was called to see through the eyes of faith the vision of Jericho as destroyed. We too are
	promised triumph over sin and Satan. See 2 Cor. 2:1; Romans 6:1-14; Col 2:6-5. What wall or
	obstacle are you facing? Can you see through the eyes of faith the wall or obstacle removed?

- 2. The number seven figures prominently in Chapter 6. In fact it is used 11 times. The conquest of Jericho was a spiritual exercise or process designed to set the people apart. Describe how you have gone through a process and gained a victory or how you are going through one now.
- 3. In Celebrate Recovery we go through a process called a 12-step study. If you are struggling with some unresolved issue how willing are you to go through a 12-step study? Need info? Visit the CR table in the lobby.
- 4. Rahab is mentioned eight times in the Scripture (Joshua 2:1, 3; 6:17, 23, 25; Matthew 1:5; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25). In 6 of these occurrences her name is found with a specific noun. Do you know what it is? Why did the men visit Rahab? Is there anything we can learn from this?
- 5. How does the story of Rahab relate to the grace of God? Use Scripture.
- 6. Study Joshua 2: 8-13. Did Rahab have confidence in the Lord's power? See 1 Peter 3: 15-16
- 7. The scarlet rope (thread, twine). What does this item represent in a symbolic sense? Relate to Scripture.
- 8. What is the type and pledge of God's purpose in Rahab's story? See Ephesians 2:12