

October 27 – November 2

50 Years of Faithfulness

Icebreaker: What are some organizations that have lasted for 50 to 100 years? What kinds of things help any type of organization last for 50 to 100 years?

In this session, we will consider what God has done to maintain this church for 50 years and what it will take to last another 50 years.

Read Joshua 3:5–17

- What happened as the people entered the land?
- What is the purpose of this wonder? Why did God do this sign then with this group of people?

Read Joshua 24:1–15

- Why does Joshua remind the people of all that has happened to them over the past 40 years?
- What happened to the Jewish people in the centuries that followed when they failed to remember what God did?
- What things caused the Israelites to walk away from God?
- What are the people called to do in verses 14–15?

Read Joshua 1:9

- What is the command? What is the promise?
- Why is this as important for us as it was for the Joshua and the Israelites?

Application

- What are some organizations that have disappeared in your lifetime? What kinds of things cause organizations to fail and disappear?
- Why is long-term thinking so lacking in our culture? How could this affect the church?
- What have been some of the keys to the longevity of our church?
- Is it essential for our church to last another 50 years? Why or why not?
- What kinds of things could lead our church to fail to reach 100? How does what we do now help prevent that from happening?
- Now consider your family.
 - Is there a history of spiritual health? How has that impacted the present state of your family?
 - What are the things you can do now as a family that will lead to long-term spiritual health?
 - What can you do as a family to remember what God has done and maintain faithfulness to him?