

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of October 9-15, 2022

## "RAHAB: FROM HARLOT TO HEROINE"

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Can you recall a time when you felt "out of place"? What did you do to overcome the situation?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

**Read ahead JOSHUA 2:1-20.**

1. Why do you think Joshua sends spies to spy out to Jericho? In your opinion, does sending the spies on a secret mission to Jericho signal Joshua's failing to trust the LORD completely? Why or why not?
2. How do you make sense of the fact that the spies stay with Rahab, well known as a prostitute? Does Rahab do a godly or ungodly thing in vs. 4-7 when she lies about the spies' whereabouts? Were her lies necessary to accomplish God's purposes? Why or why not?
3. Why were Rahab's actions so surprising? In what ways do we judge the "Rahabs" who are not like us? As Christians, how can we get past some of our biases and prejudices? Share some specific ways.
4. In the passage we can see that the people of Jericho already knew and heard about the God of Israel, but why do they resist this all-powerful God? In what ways do you see the same resistance manifesting itself in our culture today? How do you feel about God's grace toward the people in our generation?
5. The book of James (2:20-24) mentions Rahab as a prime example of faith. James also declares in v. 26 that faith apart from works is dead. In what way(s) do you see faith and works working together in the episode of Rahab and the spies? How important is our confession of faith to God?

6. Given her disreputable occupation and her obvious lie, what in this story builds Rahab's reputation as a woman of faith (cf Hebrews 11:30-31; James 2:24-26)? How do you react to Rahab's joining the Israelites after the fall of Jericho (Joshua 6:22-25) and apparently becoming an ancestor of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:1-5)?

7. How does the story of Rahab and her faith challenge, convict and inspire you personally? In what ways does it cause you to trust God more?

### 8. NEXT STEPS

*No one is beyond the reach of God's grace.*

- ☐ I will remember who I am in Christ.
- ☐ I will praise God for his mercies and kindness in my life.
- ☐ I will remember that my choices have tremendous effect not only in the present but also on the next generation.
- ☐ I will trust that God has gone before me and has a purpose in my life.
- ☐ God is my greatest blessing and I will share him to those in need of his grace.

*Don't forget to:*

- ☐ Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

### CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart that trusts in God.
- Pray for God's power to turn your fears to faith.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

October 10 Proverbs 29:25  
October 11 Numbers 10:11-36  
October 12 Hebrews 11:30-31; James 2:24-25  
October 13 Luke 23:39-43  
October 14 2 Timothy 1:1-7  
October 15 Romans 12:4-5  
October 16 Numbers 14:1-9