

LIFEGROUPS

RAHAB

Read Joshua 2

1. Why does Rahab protect the spies? Would you have done the same?
2. Why does God allow a prostitute to be in the lineage of Jesus? What does this teach us about God's character? Would you want a prostitute to be in the lineage of your family?
3. Read Hebrews 11:31 - Rahab is mentioned as an example of great faith. She puts her trust in a God that she hasn't seen, but has only heard about. Think about your own relationship with God. How much do you trust him? How much are you willing to "sacrifice" to demonstrate that trust?
4. Rahab chose to reject her own people, to stand on the side of God. What would that mean for us today? In what ways are we challenged to reject the ways of this world, to stand on the side of God?
5. Read James 2:14-26 - Rahab hung a scarlet cord out of her window as a sign to the Israelites to spare her. It was an outward expression of her inward faith. Is your faith expressed in such a way that other people would notice it? Is your faith alive, active, and daily demonstrated? Or is it hidden, secret, and silent?

LEADER'S NOTES

These notes are here as guidelines or commentary notes to help the leader. Let the Word of God lead you and your LIFEGROUP to HEAR God's prophetic message this week as you explore His Word together. The idea is that reflecting and sharing together about God's Word, will speak into your current situations to challenge, encourage, or inspire you this week.

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There's a great writeup about Rahab at BibleGateway. I recommend having a read through of it.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/all-women-bible/Rahab>

Here's a tasty excerpt:

In conclusion, what are the lessons to be gathered from the harlot whom God used to fulfill His purpose? First of all, we are reminded by Rahab's change of heart and life, that "His blood can make the vilest clean," and that "His blood avails for me." Was it not a wonderful condescension on the part of the Redeemer when He became manifest in the flesh to take hold of a root so humble in type as poor, despised Rahab to magnify His abounding grace for all sinners? Rahab was well worth saving from her evil life both for her own sake and for the place she had in God's plan. Other women in Jericho saw no beauty in Rahab that they should desire her company, but through faith she became one of God's heroines, and is included among the harlots entering the kingdom of God before the self-righteous. Rahab's sins had been scarlet, but the scarlet line freeing the spies, and remaining as a token of her safety, typified the red blood of Jesus whereby the worst of sinners can be saved from sin and hell (Matthew 21:31, 32). While the door of mercy stands ajar, the vilest sinner can return and know what it is to be saved and safe.