

Small Group Questions

Rahab and the Spies ... Joshua 2:1-24

Ice Breaker

What kind of spying or sneaky games did you enjoy as a kid?

What event in history would you like to go back and spy on?

Bible Study

Joshua 2:1-24

1. Why did Rahab risk her own safety to provide safety for the spies?

- She was a daredevil.
- She was a traitor.
- She had great foresight.
- She knew they would owe her a favor.
- She did it to spare her family.
- She had faith in their God.

2. How do you think Rahab related to God at this point?

- She was not a believer.
- She was a closet believer.
- She feared God but didn't really know him.
- She was having a "foxhole conversion" experience.

3. Why were Rahab and her family spared?

- because of her faith in God
- the spies saved her
- she did what she had been told
- because of the oath
- other:

4. What do you make of the New Testament's affirmation of "Rahab the prostitute" (Heb. 11:31, James 2:25)?

- She must have changed her lifestyle after she met the spies.
- God's grace is more inclusive than ours.
- God uses "sinners" who are open and available to him.
- other:

5. What causes you to believe in and respect God?

- the promise of blessing
- the fear of punishment
- his awesome creation
- because others have believed first
- because there's no one else to believe in

6. What is the "sure sign" for you that God has spared your life?

- the promises of Scripture
- the word of my parents
- the blood of Christ shed for my sins
- a life-changing experience
- the fact that I want to please him

7. What is the "scarlet cord" you've been hanging on to during times of trial and stress?

- my faith in Jesus Christ
- God's mercy despite my faults
- the support of family and friends
- time spent in prayer and Bible study
- church and related activities
- other: _____

Caring Time

1. Who is one person that you would like to invite to the safety of this group?

2. What is something that you would like to have this group pray for?

End your time with prayer