Small Group Questions 5/8.16 – MOTHER'S DAY Dale Oquist Speaking

## **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

1. Growing up, did you have a nickname? What was it and who gave it to you? Is there a story behind your nickname?

## LOOKING BACK

Since we are studying the book of Joshua, Dale used a mother from the story as the focus of his teaching on Mother's Day. Rahab has long had a label attached to her life. Rahab the harlot, the Gentile, the Canaanite.... would eventually be part of the lineage of Messiah Jesus (Matthew 1:5). How do we break free from labels? How do we alter the external monikers that others have placed on our lives? Dale tracked the life of this world-changing mom to extract the truths that will help us break free from the labels that plague us.

2. What are some differences between a label and a nickname?

## DIGGING DEEPER

Verse: Joshua 2:1-21, Joshua 6:22-25

Take a moment to recall a few of the people you encountered in the last day or two-family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, restaurant or store staff, strangers you passed in your daily travels, etc.

3. What positive and/or negative labels went through your mind as you encountered these people? What labels do you imagine these same people may have applied to you? When you think about negative labels, what makes it so difficult for people to let those labels go or to see the person behind the label?

Rahab, the harlot, would eventually be part of the lineage of Messiah Jesus (Matthew 1:5). She was able to break free from her label.

4. Do you agree with the statement, "we are not yet who we are supposed to be?" Why or why not? Do you think it is possible for people to become "who they are supposed to be?" What needs to happen for that to take place?

## **TAKING IT HOME**

Rahab's actions spared her as well as her family. God can turn our greatest weaknesses into our greatest strengths

- 5. Describe how you experienced this truth in your own life or someone else's? What all do you think needs to happen in a person's life for this to take place?
- **SUNDAY GATHERING TIMES** Our Sunday Gatherings now begin at 9, 10:30 and 12:30. There is a lunch served between the  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  gatherings.
- **Wednesday Nights** Join us at Peoples Church for our ongoing classes and Bible Studies for adults, women, men, youth and children on Wednesday nights at 7p
- PC Men's Breakfast Start your weekend off right with pancakes and Jesus! Saturday, May 14 at 8.00a in SMC. Gather for good food, good friends, and a good encouraging word from Pastor Dale Oquist.