



God and the Ancients: Rahab

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: Joshua 2:1-16; 6:20-25; Matthew 1:1-5.

1. What steps does Rahab take to protect the spies?
2. What is the result of Rahab’s assistance and faith?
3. Where is Rahab in the genealogy of Jesus?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. Many might assume that Rahab – a pagan, a Canaanite, and a prostitute – would never be interested in God. Yet Rahab was willing to risk everything she had for a God she barely knew. We must not gauge a person’s interest in God by his or her background, lifestyle, or appearance. Nothing should get in our way of our telling people about God.
 - Talk about a person or situation that surprised you when it came to faith and/or interest in God.
 - Were you an uncommon recipient of God’s grace and salvation?
5. Why did God demand that the Israelites destroy almost everyone and everything in Jericho? What does this tell us about God’s character? What were God’s purposes?
6. The facts of the ancestry of Jesus were carefully preserved. These verses in the beginning of Matthew’s gospel are the first of many proofs recorded by Matthew to show that Jesus is the true Messiah.
 - What does Rahab’s inclusion in this lineage tell us about God’s relationship with and perspective toward us, his people?
7. Share about a time when your beliefs, need for a savior, trust in God’s mercy, or commitment to God’s plan caused you to make a decision that was counter-cultural and uncommon? What was the result?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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