

The Reach of Faith: Lessons from Rahab
Discussion Guide | June 30, 2019
Joshua 2
Questions for Study and Discussion
**Before you begin, please read Joshua 2 as a group.

- 1. What was Rahab known for in Jericho (v.1)?
- 2. Matthew 1 lists out the genealogy of Jesus. Browse through verses 1-16, and take note of how many mothers are listed. Why do you think Matthew intentionally went out of his way to list some of these women, including Rahab (v.5)?
- 3. Have you had a point in your life where you felt disqualified to have a relationship with God, or not able to be used by God, because of choices you had made? What kinds of feelings did you experience with that?
- 4. Reflecting on Rahab's story:
 - What do we learn about how our past doesn't need to determine our future?
 - Do you think God's grace is big enough to overcome your past or your apparent inadequacy? It's one thing to acknowledge this, but another to believe it to the core. How do we get there?
 - Have you written off anyone in your life as "too far gone," or do you view yourself above others in certain ways? How does this discussion change your perspective toward others?
- 5. Read Colossians 1:21-23.
 - How does this verse level the playing field for all who come to Christ in faith, regardless of the past?
 - How does it change the way you view yourself?
- 6. Reviewing Rahab's interaction with the spies in Joshua 2, we see that she perhaps knew some things about the Israelites' interactions with God, but she certainly didn't have a lot of information about God. What does this teach you about faith?
- 7. Is there an area in your life right now where you need to act in faith by...
 - trusting God even when you don't have the full picture?
 - trusting that God is able to work in you and through you?
- 8. In what ways does the Gospel empower us to trust and obey God, especially regarding what we've discussed today?