

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

RAHAB & THE SPIES • JOSHUA 2:1-24 • FEBRUARY 19, 2023

FAITHFUL

Foundational Practice: Living on Purpose

This month, we are focusing on our foundational practice of Living on Purpose. We invest our lives eternally, according to God's design. Our skills, gifts, passions, experiences, and relationships all contribute to living out our God-given purpose (Ephesians 2:10). Has there been a time when God used your gifts, passions, experiences, or relationships in an unexpected way for the good of others and for His glory? If so, share with your group.

1. **Read Joshua 2:1-24.** What was most significant to you from this passage? What stood out to you in the teaching on this passage?
2. What did you learn about God and His character through the life of Rahab? Did anything surprise you? Encourage you? Challenge you?
3. Through Rahab's declaration of faith (Joshua 2:9-11), we can see she came to know God through the stories of His power and His goodness toward the people of Israel. In what ways have you experienced God's power or God's goodness (or both!) and how can you share that to others who may not yet know Him?

"Learn what it means to be faithful to a faithful God."

- JOSH HAWLEY

4. **Read James 2:18-26.** In what ways is your faith evidenced by your works? How does this Scripture and Rahab's action in Joshua 2 challenge you to live more active in your faith?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

Josh mentioned that through God's redemption plan, Rahab went from prostitute to a pillar of faith. The Gospel transformed her and her life was evidenced by change through action. She took courageous steps of faith to live out her redemption and worship of the One True God. She was an unexpected convert who ended up in the Hall of Faith (Hebrews 11:1) and the lineage of Jesus (Matthew 1:5). As a group, consider people in our city who might be unexpected converts. What people, groups, agencies come to mind? In what ways can you take the Gospel to parts of our city or even parts of our world (the nations) to people that might be unlikely converts? What struggles/hesitations do you have moving forward in action?

Consider looking up The Well's local partnerships and praying through those or reaching out to serve. Email missions@thewellcommunity.org if your group wants to adopt a local non profit in prayer or serve with one in the future. For more on unlikely converts and unreached people groups, visit <https://joshuaproject.net/>.