

King of Kings

Small Groups Weekly Bible Study

December 9-15

It's Complicated - 2: *"Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead."*

Theme: It's Complicated - Buried in our past we see the promise of His future - Rahab

Warm-Up Questions:

1. How do you respond to what Pastor Greg stated: **"The past is critical to the ministry and love of God. Your past does not negate you from His future, for your future is filled with the promise of His Hope."**
2. Describe a somewhat negative incident from your past that God used to shape you.

Observation and Interpretation Questions:

Read Matthew 1:5. Jesus' Genealogy – Improbable Inclusion

1. What is the purpose of a genealogy when describing an important person?
2. Why would Matthew include Rahab in his genealogy of Jesus the King (verse 5)?
3. What was the major takeaway from Pastor Greg's sermon on Rahab for you?

Read Joshua 1:1-4, 10-11. Joshua and Jericho – Historical Situation

1. Where were the Israelites and what were they about to do at this time (verses 1-4)?
2. Why do you suppose Joshua told the people to wait where they were (verses 10-11)?

Read Joshua 2:1-18. Rahab and the Spies – Ultimate Expression

1. What did Rahab do that showed her faith in God of the Hebrews (verses 3-7)?
2. What did Rahab say that showed her faith in God of the Hebrews (verses 8-13)?
3. What did Rahab do that showed her trust in the spies (verses 14-16)?

Application Question:

1. How are you going to begin to prepare your heart for Christmas this week?
2. What can you do to make the celebration of Advent a bigger part of your life?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, show us in this Advent season that in Christ Jesus You are able to redeem our questionable past and use it to shape our future.



Going Deeper

Hebrews 11:31 says, ***“By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.”***

How would you restate what the writer meant in your own words?

Read Joshua 2:9 – Rahab’s Initial Confidence

Why do you think Rahab was so confident when others were fainthearted?

Read Joshua 2:10 – God’s Amazing Reputation

How did God’s actions display His power to the people of the land?



Read Joshua 2:11 – Rahab’s Confession of Faith

What is there in Rahab’s statement that would show forth her faith in God?



Read Joshua 2:12-13 – Rahab’s Ultimate Request

Why do you think Rahab went to this extreme in dealing with the men?



Read Joshua 6:25 – Joshua’s Rewarding Faithfulness

Why do you think Joshua was so careful to preserve Rahab and all that she had?

Share one thing your family does to remember the people in your family tree?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may we be emboldened by Rahab’s example of complete willingness to trust You when everyone else around her were cowering in fear.