



An Unlikely Faith

June 7, 2020

Reading/Group Discussion

Begin with prayer (5 minutes)

As you begin your virtual gathering, have someone open your time together by praying that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your time.

Read this overview

The book of Joshua is an exhilarating book filled with stories of courage, faith, and the miraculous provision of God. It continues the story of the people of Israel as they journey to inherit the land that God promised them.

This past weekend Dan taught us from Joshua 2 about Rahab. Rahab is mentioned several times throughout the Scriptures and just about each time she is, she is held up as an example of what faithfulness to God looks like. We have much to learn from her example.

As we dive into our conversation today, we'll discuss how God can use the people we'd least expect to take new ground in our world for Jesus and his kingdom.

Read Joshua 2:1-24 together and then talk through this past weekend's sermon (40 minutes)

Here are a few questions to guide this time:

- How did this weekend's sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- In his sermon, Dan said that, "God uses the least likely of people to do some of his greatest work." Rahab didn't let her past get in the way of allowing God to use her. In fact, it's partially because of her past that made her faithfulness so exemplary. What is it in your life that maybe makes you feel "least likely" to be used by God?
- What parts of your story do you tend to hide or minimize? What is behind your desire to minimize these things? How does hiding prevent you from being fully used by God?
- What specific things in this text showcased God's power to Rahab? What affect did it have on her? When was a time you saw God's power on display in your life? For context, Rahab describes her reaction as having her "heart melted" and saying this God is the God "in the heavens above and on the earth beneath" (**Joshua 2:11**).
- Rahab surrendered her story to God's story. On a scale from 1-10, how willing have you been to allow God to have control over your story? What feelings do you have about entering fully into God's story?

- What would it look like for you to fully surrender your story to God? What would happen if you *don't* surrender your story fully to God?
- If you were to talk with Rahab at the end of her life about faith, how do you think she would define and characterize it based on Joshua 2? In what specific ways do you feel God might be inviting you to grow in your own faith as a result of this conversation?

This past weekend, Dan introduced the idea of how God wants to claim new ground in and through our lives. Spend some time discussing what that might look like for you right now with the following questions:

- What do you sense God doing **in** you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing **around** you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing **through** you that you need courage for?

Finish with prayer (5-10 minutes)

You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.