

Joshua 2 – An Outsider's Faith

You can use the following questions to explore today's passage further, or you can share your own reflections from the message and the moments of reflection contained within the message. I encourage you to take time to read Joshua 2:1-24 together first.

1. Spend some time sharing your experience of being an outsider. We can be outsiders because of a physical difference, a relational distance, or because of our own cognitive processing of a situation (i.e. I'm not good enough to be one of God's people). How have you experienced being an outsider? How have you seen it expressed in others?
2. In Genesis 12:1-3 we see God express his desire to bless all nations. In Rev 7:9-10 we see members of all tribes and nations praising God. What encourages you about these pictures? What does it highlight about the placement of Rahab's story?
3. Rahab demonstrates that her knowledge about God has led her to faith in him? (v9-11) What does she know about God? How has this helped her to trust him?
4. How do we see Rahab's response to God's action differ from the people and King of Jericho? What does this tell us about how people might see God's actions differently?

5. In what ways does Rahab demonstrate strong and courageous faith?
6. Spend some time listing the different actions Rahab takes throughout this passage. Pick a different descriptive word for each one. What does this tell you about her life and faith?
7. Looking forward we see Rahab adopted into the Israelite community in Joshua 6:24-25. As we continue to look forward we see Rahab married Salmon and gave birth to Boaz in Matthew 1:5. What does this say about how she was accepted into the community? Do you believe her life changed before or after being accepted into community? How do we accept people into our GWAC Community? How should we?
8. Rahab is commended for her faith in Hebrews 11:31, but still described as a prostitute. From the other passages we can see her lifestyle changed, why do you think she is described in this way? What might it say about her life and faith?
9. James commends Rahab for the way her faith led to courageous action (James 2:25-26). Rahab demonstrates that her knowledge of God lead to faith demonstrated in action. How do we see this pattern evident in our lives or the lives of others around us? Where do people tend to struggle?
10. What would bold and courageous faith look like today? Many of us would think sharing our faith is bold and courageous, how does that compare with Rahab's faith? What could it look like to live out a strong and courageous faith in the midst of this Covid period?