

Week of January 14 Questions for Ohana

Crossing Over in Faith: Prostitute and a Scarlet Cord

Joshua 2: 1-24 , 6: 22- 25

ICE BREAKER: Did you ever play being a spy as a child? Or
What is your favorite spy movie?

Pray Take a moment to pray for God to bless your Ohana, to help us
live out our faith practically.

Give each person a scarlet ribbon to use as a bookmark.

A Read Joshua 2: 1-24

- 1 List all of the characters in the story?
- 2 Have someone pass around a Bible map of where the spies went? Why was Jericho important to spy out?
- 3 In groups of 2 or 3 suggest a newspaper headline for the story. Eg “Harlot to Hero”

B Read Joshua 2: 8-11

- 1 What stories of the Israelite God had Rehab heard?
- 2 What was the impact on the Canaanites? On Rehab?

C Read Joshua 2: 12-14

1 Why would Rehab have asked the spies to swear to her by the LORD and not her own gods?
What does this show about Rehab’s faith?

2 In making a new allegiance, what implications were there for any old promises or commitments Rehab might have made?

C Read Joshua 6: 22 -25

- 1 Why was it important for Joshua and the spies to keep their promise? Would it have been tempting and easier not to keep their promise?
- 2 Imagine all the changes that were involved for Rehab and her family in this new life of following God. What challenges, grief and hopes might she face?
- 3 Have you ever complained about your situation or the “bad deck” you have been given in life? What does Rehab teach us about the heart of God and the plans of God?

Application

- 1 What promises of faith have you made in your life where you have made a covenant before God?
- 2 Rehab had the scarlet cord as a sign of her covenant, what signs of our covenant with Jesus do we keep to remind us and to strengthen our faith?
- 3 Are there areas in your commitment to Jesus you need to renew or strengthen?

Praying Together as a Group

In your groups of 2 or 3: Even as God rescued Rehab and her family, pray that you will have faith to see hope for change in your life and your family.

As one group: thank God for our salvation and for rescuing us from destruction and judgment.

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