

THE BOOK OF
JOSHUA

STENGTH. COURAGE. LEADERSHIP. FAITH.

2. Joshua 2 Can we trust God's promises?

Small group questions

Leaders: choose some, but do not attempt all of the following questions. Email me with any questions. Mark.

When have you found it hard to trust God's promises, and how did you navigate through that situation?

1. A Great Story

- What stood out to you most in the story of Joshua 2? Why?
- How do you think the spies felt when Rahab hid them and lied to the king's men?
- Why do you think Rahab, a Gentile and a prostitute, chose to help the Israelite spies?
- How does this story demonstrate God's sovereignty and plan?

2. A Great Grasp

- What does Rahab's declaration about God in verses 9-11 reveal about her understanding of Him?
- How does Rahab's grasp of God compare to the Israelites' understanding at that time?
- Why is it significant that Rahab, a non-Israelite, had such a clear grasp of who God is?
- Why is Rahab commended in Hebrews 11:31?

3. A Great Fear

- What does it mean to have a 'great fear' of God? How is this different from other types of fear?
- How did Rahab's fear of God influence her actions and decisions?
- Can you share a time when a reverential fear of God influenced your own decisions?

4. A Great Plea

- What was Rahab's plea to the spies, and why was it significant?
- How does Rahab's plea for mercy relate to our own need for God's mercy?
- When we understood God's greatness and came to fear him, we too threw ourselves on God's mercy and found _____?
- How can understanding God's mercy change the way we live and interact with others?

General Reflection

- What new insights did you gain from the sermon on Joshua 2?
- In what areas of your life do you need to trust more in God's promises and sovereignty? (Discuss Mark's story of Jean facing surgery.)

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the story of Rahab, a powerful reminder of your might, your judgement and your mercy. Help us to grasp who you are, to fear you with reverence, and to lean on your mercy. May our understanding of your character shape our lives, and may we share your love and mercy with others. We pray for those who don't know you yet, that they would come to trust in your promises and experience your mercy. Thank you for Jesus, who took the judgment we deserved, so we could receive your mercy. In His name, we pray. Amen.