

God's Love Reaches the Red Rope District

Joshua 2

Ice Breaker: What's the most spiritually/morally dark place you've ever visited or lived? What made it such a dark place to visit/live?

Big Idea: God's love can reach everyone. God really will make room in His family for anyone – even for those who come from the most spiritually dark and depraved backgrounds.

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Joshua 2:1-11 (especially v11). Given what Pastor Joshua shared about Canaanite religion (and Rahab's "profession") – why is Rahab's confession of faith so remarkable? What would you have been thinking if you had heard her make this faith statement?
- 2) Read Joshua 2:12-21. Describe the ways that Rahab's faith moves her to courageous action (throughout this chapter)? What is the relationship between Rahab's faith and her concern for her loved ones? How would you describe the relationship between your faith and your concern for your loved ones?
- 3) Rahab, a Gentile prostitute, makes it into the Hall of Faith chapter in Hebrews 11 (v31). What does that say about God? What does that tell us about God's ability to redeem spiritually depraved people? How does this story of redemption bring hope to people whose lives are marked by deep-rooted sin?
- 4) Pastor Joshua compared the 'scarlet rope' (v15, 18, 21) to the blood of the Passover lamb (in Exodus) and to the blood of Jesus (in the Gospels). How is the scarlet rope in Joshua 2 a foreshadowing of the work of Christ on the cross?
- 5) Spend some time praying with each other for those loved ones in your lives who are not yet following Christ – believing that God's love really can reach anyone.