

LIFE GROUP

Notes

Session 3



READING: Joshua 2:1-24 The Spies and the Surprise!

IN

Introduction

This chapter in the book of Joshua, we pick up the story when everyone had done everything they could to prepare, but God was preparing to use someone no one had expected!

QUESTION: When you need help, who would be the first person that you would turn to for help? Who would you never consider asking and why?

UP

Explore

Read through the story of Rahab and the spies, focusing on Rahab herself

- In what ways do you not identify with Rahab at all?
- In what ways *do* you identify with Rahab? Explain why.

Reread verses 8-13

- How many times does Rahab refer to the Lord in these verses?
- How do we know that Rahab is not just saying what the spies want to hear in order that they would spare her life?
- Are there clues in her behaviour that point to true faith in action?

REFLECT

- What reservations do you think the spies may have had in asking a non Jewish, female prostitute for assistance?
 - What made Rahab God's perfect choice to assist the spies at this point in their mission?
 - God goes before us and chooses those with whom He wants us to partner in His mission. What does this story tell us about those choices that God makes?
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OUT

Impact

It is easy for us to dismiss those who are 'not like us' when seeking out people of peace in God's mission.

PRAY : Ask God to help us to see individuals in our community as He sees them. May God open our hearts and minds to the fact that He may be waiting to use someone, maybe not yet a believer of Jesus, as a significant part of His mission. Pray that we may have the courage to enter that house, to ask for that assistance, if God is guiding us to do so...no matter how uncomfortable it may feel. Who knows what will happen next!