



JOSHUA CHAPTER 2 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

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- Is it comfortable or uncomfortable to be an outsider? Explain.
- Name a time in our life when you have felt like an outsider. How did you feel?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Read the Story (Joshua 2:1-24)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Joshua 2:1-11

- Notice that Joshua continues to take swift and decisive action as a leader in equipping and preparing the people to do as God desired them to do. Remember also that Joshua was following in the footsteps of a great leader Moses and yet seemed prepared to lead in his own way with God leading the charge.
 - How could have Joshua comparing his leadership style to Moses' hindered his effective leadership of the Israelites?

- This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
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- Why are Rahab's actions so surprising in the first 11 verses of chapter 2?
 - She is an outsider in every way possible.
 - She's a female and consequently has little to no value in her world and setting.
 - She's a stranger to the spies and to all of Israel.
 - She isn't an Israelite.
 - She's a prostitute.
 - She's the enemy.
 - She's not supposed to know God nor have any faithfulness to Him or His people.
 - She was an extremely unlikely ally with a lot to lose, starting with her own life and family.
 - In what ways do you judge those who are not like you?
 - Why do you do this?
 - How can you more fully welcome the stranger, the outsider, and those not like you?
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- Notice Rahab's testimony about the Lord in verses 9-11 but most importantly notice what she says about God's reputation.

- In what ways do you need to point people to God’s amazing and incredible reputation rather than trying to compel and convince them about God through your own intelligence and charisma?

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Joshua 2:12-24

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- Notice that we find Rahab in the family line of Jesus in Matthew 1:5 and she is again mentioned as a woman of great faith among many others of great faith in Hebrews 11:31.

- What does all of Joshua chapter 2 and particularly Rahab’s story throughout all of Scripture say about God’s view of the “outsider?”

- How does your view of the “outsider” match God’s view?

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- Consider what Paul says to the Christians at Corinth in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 as you also consider that outside of Jesus, you were once the “outsider.” What does this reality both inspire you to be and to do?

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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

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