

Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 10, 2026

Icebreaker Questions

- What is one movie or book where an unlikely hero changed everything?
- What's one time your first impression about someone turned out to be wrong?
- If you could instantly become skilled at one thing, what would it be?

Sermon Summary

(If you missed this week's sermon, it's always available by noon on Monday on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@horizoncommunitychurch>)

Joshua 2 reveals how God's grace reaches unlikely people through the story of Rahab, a marginalized prostitute whom God used because of her faith. The sermon emphasizes that God often chooses the overlooked and broken so that His glory is made known, showing that no past disqualifies someone from His purposes. Rahab demonstrated genuine faith not merely by believing what she heard about God, but by acting courageously to protect the spies and trust God with her future. Her scarlet cord became a picture of salvation and pointed forward to Jesus Christ, whose blood rescues and redeems people from judgment. Ultimately, Rahab's story shows that faith can transform a broken past into a future marked by grace, redemption, and purpose.

Opening Prayer

Briefly pray and invite the Lord into your conversations to bring wisdom and insight to His Word. Pray around the theme for the sermon/discussion.

Primary Passages of Scripture

Read Joshua 2:1-21 (only for reference if needed), 1 Corinthians 1:27, James 2:17, James 2:25, Hebrews 11:31, 1 Peter 1:18-19

Discussion Questions

Pick 2-3 questions for discussion across the group

- What stands out most to you about Rahab's story and why?
- Why do you think God often chooses unlikely people to accomplish His purposes?
- How does Rahab's past make God's grace more powerful in this story?
- How can someone's weakness or brokenness become a platform for God's glory?
- What is the difference between believing something intellectually and acting on it in faith?
- Why is faith without action incomplete according to James 2?
- Can you share a time when you had to step out in faith before knowing the outcome?
- How does knowing God is faithful change the way we face our future?
- What parts of your past are hardest to believe God can redeem?
- How does Rahab becoming part of Jesus' family line encourage you?

Prayer

- Ask: "How can we pray for you this week?"
- Assign each request to a group member to ensure everyone is prayed for during the prayer time.
- Assign someone to open in prayer and someone to close in prayer.

Closing