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WHO IS JOSHUA?

Joshua 2

Opening Questions:

- a. Name a country outside of the U.S. that you know a fair bit of information about. Describe what you know and the source of your information.
- b. If you had 3 days to prepare for a life changing event (new job, move, marriage), what would you do?
- c. How would you sum up a confession of faith in Jesus in 1 sentence?

Chapter 2

1. Did God tell Joshua to send spies in to the land? If not, what are some reasons why he sent spies?
2. Why do you think Joshua only sent 2 spies? How long is the mission?

Was sending spies out an act of unbelief on Joshua's part? Explain.
3. What is significant of Joshua's command that the spies pay attention, spy out "especially Jericho?"
4. How successful were the spies on their mission?
5. What kind of report did they bring back?
6. Why would the spies enter the house of a prostitute? Are there any strategic benefits to staying there?

7. Did Rahab have special information that other Jericho-ites did not have about God's hand on the Israelites? What does she know? (*Exodus 14-31; Numbers 21:21-35*)
8. Do we have a sense of how other nations viewed Israelites and God at this time? (See *verses 9-11; Exodus 15:15*)
9. Is there an irony here (See *Numbers 13:31-33*)
10. How many lies does Rahab tell?
11. Was Rahab right to lie to the people who came looking for them? Does God condone her lie? (*James 2:25, Matthew 1:5*)
12. Are there times when we should lie for a good reason? (*1 Timothy 1:10, Colossians 3:9-10, Proverbs 12:22, Exodus 20:16.*)
13. Does Rahab express a true confession of faith? What is it based on? (*Romans 10:6, Hebrews 11:16*)
14. What does hiding spies tell us about Rahab's character? (See *Matthew 1:5*)
15. What risk did Rahab take in hiding the spies? How do you think the King of Jericho would regard her actions?
16. Name the conditions the spies required Rahab to follow. Are there any challenges she may have faced meeting them? (*Genesis 19:12-26*)
17. Consider who Rahab mentions. Does her choice show the value of family? Are there any people besides family you would include?