

Bold Faith for a Brighter Future
Merchantville Small Group Guide

Warm-Up Questions

1. What's one bold or risky decision you've made in the past that ended up changing something important in your life?
2. If someone described your spiritual journey in one word today, what word would you want it to be—and why?

Key Passage: Joshua 2:1-24

In her Mother's Day message, Elisa Zinn shared the story of Rahab, a woman whose past didn't disqualify her from having a future shaped by bold faith. Rahab lived in a culture hostile to God, yet chose to place her trust in a God she had only heard about. Her decision to hide the Israelite spies wasn't just risky—it was treason. But it revealed the core truth of the message: **real faith doesn't sit still. It moves. It acts.**

Rahab chose faith over fear. She shifted her allegiance from the world she was raised in to the God who redeems. This shift didn't just save her—it saved her family, changed her legacy, and placed her in the lineage of Jesus. The scarlet cord in her window symbolized the blood of Jesus—pointing us to a bigger story of salvation and grace that's available to all of us.

Elisa challenged us to ask: *What are you tied to? What kingdom are you aligned with?* Because bold faith doesn't just believe—it breaks away from what's "normal" and steps into the unknown, trusting God to lead the way.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Rahab had only *heard* about God's power, yet she acted in bold faith. What stories or truths about God have helped build your faith recently?
2. Elisa said, "Real faith doesn't sit still." What's something God may be prompting you to *do* that takes your faith from belief into action?
3. Rahab made a break from what was familiar in order to follow God. Are there "kingdoms" in your life (fear, bitterness, comfort, reputation) that God is calling you to leave behind?
4. How does the image of the scarlet cord—a symbol of protection and salvation—speak to your story? Where have you seen God's covering in your life?
5. Rahab's faith affected her entire household. In what ways can your faith make a difference in your family, friendships, or community?
6. Elisa said, "You can be known as someone who knows the One who saves." What does it practically look like for your life to be a testimony of that?
7. What fears, habits, or mindsets do you feel challenged to "break up with" after hearing this message?

8. Rahab's story reminds us that God uses unlikely people to accomplish His plan. How does her story challenge the way you view your own past or feelings of disqualification?

Pray