

Jesus' Dysfunctional Family

Matthew 1



Rahab: The Immoral Outsider

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Head: Understanding the Bible

"Love is a battlefield" - Pat Benatar

- 1) Read Joshua 2 together. Is there anything you don't understand or have questions about? Were you surprised by anything? Offended by anything?
- 2) Who are the 'bad guys' in Joshua 2? (Deuteronomy 9:1-7)
- 3) Read Hebrews 11:31. How does the author of Hebrews commend Rahab? How does this change your reading of Joshua 2?
- 4) How does Rahab demonstrate faith in Yahweh?
- 5) How is Rahab saved?

Heart: Using the Gospel on Our Affections

"I'm a hazard to myself. Don't let me get me."

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6) How do you treat people different than you? Why is giving a friendly welcome to our 'enemies' so difficult?

7) How does Jesus treat his enemies? (Consider Romans 5:6-10)

Hands: Applying the Gospel to Our Lives

"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.'"

~Luke 7:34-35

8) How can hospitality breed friendships? How can a friendly welcome of the outsider break down walls? Have you seen this happen? Who do you need to show kindness through hospitality to?

9) D.A. Carson describes the church as a group of people who are natural enemies who are now friends for Christ's sake. How can Hope Church become a place of hospitality and refuge for the outsiders in the church?

10) Take time to pray for our community and the grace to 'reach across the aisle.'