



The Broken
Beginning

Week Two | Rahab | 12.11-12.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Series Recap: The Christmas story is full of wonder and magical memories of a night two thousand years ago that changed everything. It would be easy to assume the men and women outlined in Jesus' lineage were all faithful and nearly perfect, but what we find instead is a long line of imperfect people that God used to get the world ready for the moment His Son would come into the world.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What was your favorite Christmas tradition when you were growing up?
- Digging Deeper: What are some traditions that were so meaningful to you that you have carried them from your childhood into your adult life? What made these traditions so special?

» Observation | Read Joshua 2:1-14; Hebrews 11:31

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | God uses what we do with our past in the present to shape our future.

(12 minutes)

- Rahab might be the most unlikely person in Jesus' lineage, why do you think she was included?

» Enemy to Ally | Reread Joshua 2:1-7

(12 minutes)

- What are the kinds of stories that she probably heard about God's people that made her help them?

» Terror to Trust | Reread Joshua 2:8-14

(12 minutes)

- What are the stories from your life that tell about you as a follower of Jesus that might help others see the joy and hope of God in you?

» Judgment to Joy | Reread Hebrews 11:31

(12 minutes)

- How can Rahab's story of finding joy and peace in God challenge us in the types of 'outcasts' we find in our daily life?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- We all have stories that God has given us. In Rahab's story we can see that no one is beyond being able to be used by God. How might God be asking you to give Him access to your story, redeem it, tell it to someone, or wait for Him to use it?
- Close by praying for each other to remember that it doesn't matter what you've done - God loves you and can use your story for His glory.