

“The King and the Prostitute”

Sunday, July 26, 2015

Joshua 2

1. Pastor Jim mentioned that we might assume that everyone in the land of Canaan is innocent until proven guilty but the Bible tells us otherwise. Read Hebrews 11:31. What was the real state of the people living in Canaan? What are we *all* deserving of according to Paul in Ephesians 2:3 and Romans 6:23? What does this tell us about the character of God? How is Jesus’ sacrifice for sinners the greatest act of love ever expressed?
2. How do Rahab and the king differ in their response to what they have heard about God? How do many people respond like the king when hearing of the story of Jesus? Knowing that God is a God who both rescues and destroys, what should our response be?
3. In Joshua 2:11 Rahab realizes that God does not belong to one country or one people. He is God over all things. (See also Psalm 67:1-4). Why is it important that we remember that God is *not* just concerned with the people of America?
4. We see that the first story in Joshua is a salvation story. Rahab turns to God and asks for help. How does Rahab identify herself as being a part of the people of God? How are we supposed to identify ourselves as being the people of God? See John 13:34-35; Acts 8:12-13 and 1 Peter 2:11-12 for discussion.
5. How does the king’s story end? How does Rahab’s story end? (Read Matthew 1:5; Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25). How are they drastically different and what does this tell us about those who turn to Christ for salvation?
6. Take time to pray in your group. Pray for those whom you know who have not yet turned to Christ. Pray that they would look to him for salvation and life. Select also one or two nations that you can pray for as a group. Pray that God might work powerfully in those nations so that people might come to know him.