

“Spies like us”

Sunday, August 1st, 2015

Joshua 2

1. Pastor Jim opened the sermon by describing his evangelistic Bible study. Have you recently (or maybe not so recently) had an evangelistic conversation with a friend or co-worker? Were you nervous or fearful as Pastor Jim described? How did God overcome your fear? What were the results?
2. Pastor Jim mentioned that Joshua 2 is probably not a spy story because of the fact that the two spies were immediately discovered and that they report no pertinent military information to Joshua. Instead what kind of story is Joshua 2 and why can we come to that conclusion? (See also Matt. 11:28; Acts 2:21; and 2 Peter 3:9).
3. Pastor Jim mentioned that in order to play the role of the evangelists from this story, seven things must happen. They are as follows:
 1. God has to send you into enemy territory.
 2. God has to arrange for your help and protection.
 3. God has to steer you to those who want to be saved.
 4. God has to blow your cover.
 5. God has to give you an opportunity to tell of his kindness.
 6. God has to show us something amazing and give us a testimony of encouragement to share with others.
 7. We have to have the courage to obey.

Have a discussion around these seven points:

Which step might you be struggling with God about? Which step is God asking you to obey? Is he wanting to send you into enemy territory? Are you trying to avoid non-Christians at work or school? Is there some place that God is wanting to send you to be around non-Christians? Is God giving you opportunities to talk to others about his kindness? Do you have a testimony to share?

4. Pray with your group regarding these seven points. Ask God to give you the courage to obey and open doors of evangelism in your school, work place, or family.