

### **Rahab: Unashamed – and Welcomed**

“Faith is taking the first step even when you can’t see the whole staircase.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

### **INSIGHTFUL FAITH**

Rahab was not nearly as impressed with the Israelites as she was with their God.

As the story unfolds, we are not nearly as impressed with the Israelites as we are with Rahab.

A strong sense of God, a strong grasp of the facts, a strong sense of what to do.

She towers while the scouts cower.

### **THE SCARLET HOPE**

Through God grace, Rahab experiences God’s welcome to his people, inclusion in his people, and significance through his people. (Matt 1:1-6; Heb 11:31)

### **Something to think about**

Think about a jewel in the form of a blessing or a challenge that God gave you through the study today. Try to jot it down in 10 words or less. Think about it, meditate on it, and feel free to share it with your spouse, your kids, or a friend this week. Don’t just let it fade from your memory.

Have you ever felt like an outsider, perhaps even with God? Read back over Joshua 2:12-13. What two things did Rahab ask for from the spies?

Rahab received the sign of the “scarlet hope,” given to her and for her assurance. What signs do you see in your life that God is faithful in keeping his word?

Rahab had the confidence to believe God. She stepped out of the community of Jericho and into the community of faith. What’s standing in the way of you embracing your church community of faith?