



'The First Step'

Ice-Breaker:

- Share a time when you were apprehensive about taking a 'first step' into some new activity, but you did it anyway. How did it ultimately work out for you?

Questions:

1. Read Joshua 2:1-7.
 - What do we learn about Rahab in this passage?
 - Do you think she did the right thing when she lied? Why or why not?
2. Read Joshua 2:11. Rahab clearly expresses that she is a believer in the God of Israel. The book of James praises Rahab as an example for us to follow, and we know from the book of Matthew that she also ends up in the lineage of Jesus Christ. And yet she is also a practicing prostitute. Does this cause tension for you? Why or why not?
3. The main point of Pastor Bryan's message was: *"No matter how bad your past, God can use you in mighty ways if you'll just take a first step."* Why do people struggle to believe God that can use them if they have a sordid lifestyle (past or present)?
4. Read Joshua 3:8-13.
 - Why do you think the Lord wanted the priests to step into the river before He cut off the flow of water upstream?
 - How might this principle of taking a "first step" before God works on your behalf apply to our spiritual lives today?
5. Read Joshua 3:10. Joshua said God was performing this mighty deed so that *"you will know that the living God is among you."* Why is it so important to know that God is right there with you in your struggles?

Application:

Think and pray about an area where you are struggling, and you need God to show up in a mighty way. Then make a plan to take a first step, trusting that God will show up and help you.