

Label Makers
An Unexpected Christmas
December 12, 2021

Notes:

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

Read Matthew 1:1-5, and 6:22-25.

1. When you hear the name 'Rahab,' what thoughts come to your mind?

2. Rahab was a Canaanite; a foreigner and enemy of the Israelites. She was also a prostitute and most likely ran a brothel. Why do you think Matthew included Rahab in his genealogy of Jesus?

Read Joshua 2:1-21.

3. Rahab's occupation gave her access to rumors, reports, and information from a variety of sources. What had Rahab heard about the God of Israel?

4. How did the things she heard about God impact her faith?

5. What was the purpose of the scarlet cord? What does it symbolize?

6. What did Rahab need to do in order to be saved from destruction?

7. Rahab's life was nothing like the lives of the Israelites, God chosen people. And yet, His grace extended to her while she was still a prostitute. What does that tell you about God?

8. Even today, Rahab's 'label' sticks to her. But she didn't let it keep her from being transformed by the love of God. What label do you wear? What holds you back from beginning or deepening your relationship with God? Will you let Him love you, right where you are today?

9. What does Matthew's inclusion of Rahab in Jesus' genealogy tell you about God, about Rahab, and about God's love for you?