

**Study Questions for the December 6, 2020 Sermon:
“Joining God’s People by Faith”
Joshua 2, Joshua 6:22-25, Matthew 1:1-6**

1. By the time the events in Joshua, Chapter 2, transpired, Rahab has apparently come to the conclusion that the Hebrews worshiped the true God. Due to that conclusion, she was disloyal to her city-state.
 - a. Are Christians free to be disloyal to their country?
 - b. If anyone answered “no” to 1a, under what circumstances may Christians be disloyal to their country?
2. If someone told you that she was disqualified to work in ministry because of her personal sins, and the corporate sins of her culture and nation, how might you respond?
3. Rahab was surely treated contemptuously by many citizens of Jericho. Yet she was the savior of her family, and an ancestor of Jesus the Messiah.
 - a. Give an Old Testament example of someone (besides Rahab and Tamar) who was viewed with contempt by his/her contemporaries, but played an important role in world history.
 - b. Give a New Testament example of the same.
 - c. Cite a scripture that teaches that believers will often be from low-prestige circumstances.
4. Rahab did not know when Jericho would be attacked. She had to keep the scarlet cord hanging out of her window, and had to trust the promises of the spies. Can we view this as a metaphor for any aspect of the Christian faith?
5. How might have Boaz’ (Rahab’s son) upbringing made him more open to the prospect of marrying Ruth?