

WEEK 2 | BELIEF AND A BROTHEL
JOSHUA 2:1-24



ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

Catch everybody up to date on what's going on with New City. You can use your bulletin as a tool to do so. Especially note all the new summer studies that are beginning soon (<http://bit.ly/1pkczVc>).

STARTER QUESTION (10 MINUTES)

Complete this sentence: It feels like summer when.....

REFLECTION AND STUDY (30 MINUTES)

>>>>Read Joshua 2:1-24

(1) Retell the basics of the story together as a group, answering these questions:

- WHO are the main characters in the story?
- WHAT happens here?
- WHEN is this all occurring?
- WHERE is the action taking place?
- WHY do you think things are turning out this way?
- HOW does the main action in the story come to a conclusion?

(2) What do you learn from Rahab's confession of faith in verses 8-14? Do you think it's authentic?

(3) Rahab moved from her knowledge about God to trust in God. How did she express this?

(4) What does it look like in your life to move from knowledge about God to trust in God?

(5) What do you think of Rahab's lies to the Jericho police? How do you reconcile the Bible's emphasis on truthfulness and its commendation of Rahab (Hebrews 11:31)?

(6) God is faithful. What ways has God specifically shown himself to be faithful to you? What were the circumstances?

(7) How does the story of Rahab encourage you in your relationship with Christ?

ACTION STEPS

(1) Trusting God and making plans are NOT mutually exclusive (see verse 1). Take some time to sketch out some plans/goals for your summer. Make sure and include goals for your spiritual life, and some goals in reaching out to your neighbors.

(2) Sign up for one of the Summer Bible Studies.

(3) Take some time to think about your own confession of faith. How would you tell someone the story of why you believe? Try and write out your testimony, so you could share it with someone in 3-5 minutes.

PRAYER (15 MINUTES)

Break up into smaller groups of men and women. For those who are comfortable, share your applications and pray for one another.