

COURAGE

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group.

BOLDNESS IS NEEDED TO POSSESS ALL GOD IS WILLING TO GIVE. THIS STUDY OF JOSHUA WILL CALL INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES TO THE KIND OF COURAGE THAT CROSSES RIVERS, FACES GIANTS, AND CLAIMS THEIR FULL INHERITANCE.

1 Read Joshua 1:9. How did this verse encourage you during the past week?

2 The strongest evidence of faith is the refusal to live an intimidated life. **Read Acts 4:13.** What was it about Peter and John that made others recognize their courage? Who are some people in your life who display a similar type of courage and what stands out about their faith?

3 GOD LOOKS FOR... courage. **Read Joshua 2:1.** It might surprise you that the two spies spent their first night in the house of a prostitute. Why do you think God chose Rahab to work His plan and purpose (see **Joshua 2:24**)? What causes some people to lose courage while other people grow in courage?

4 COURAGE KNOWS... that God has a winning record. **Read Joshua 2:8-11.** Courageous faith is built on the foundation of outrageous truth. What are some of the “outrageous” truths followers of Jesus hold on to that remind us of God’s winning record? How do they give us boldness to face the future (see **2 Corinthians 5:6-8**)?

5 COURAGE KNOWS... that you have to pick a team. **Read Joshua 2:12-13.** Rahab understood that you cannot remain neutral when it comes to the future planned by the Lord of heaven and earth; so, she decided to switch sides. The people of God have always had to live with the tension of living in the world but

wearing a different jersey. How have you experienced this tension in your own life? What is one thing you can do differently this week to face this tension with courage?

6 COURAGE KNOWS... that others need to know the score. **Read Joshua 2:17-18.** The spies ask Rahab to say something and to do something that would put her life at great risk. She could have easily been betrayed (it took a lot of courage to keep that scarlet cord tied to her window). But courage cannot keep the hope of salvation a secret. Share an example of someone you know who has acted with courageous obedience in order to help save others (reference the example of Private Doss from Hacksaw Ridge). What compelled them to do what they did and how can their example encourage you to have the boldness to do the same?

7 GOD LOOKS FOR... Rahab. May we never forget how much God wants to save those who are far from Him. Don’t be shocked that Rahab had an interest in God, and don’t be surprised that God was interested in Rahab. God never allows anyone’s past to keep them from His intended future. Who are the “Rahabs” in our community? What needs to change in your heart to start noticing “Rahab” like God does?

Close in Prayer: Remind your group about the symbolism of the red bracelets and the purpose of the Courage Campaign as you spend some time in prayer.

