

**Discussion Guide -- “Hope For the Very Non-perfect!”
Week of May 13, 2018**

Read Joshua 2:1-13; 6:22-25; Hebrews 11:31; Mat. 1:5-6

- Does it surprise you that the spies would go to Rahab’s house? Other than the reason you might suspect, why might they have gone there?
- Rahab received and welcomed the spies into her home even though they were the “enemy.” What did Rahab say about Israel and what God had done for them? How long had it been since Rahab and the city of Jericho heard this news? Why is it significant that they had known about this for many, many years?
- What kind of impact did these stories about Israel and God have on Rahab? She may not have expressed it the way you would, but Rahab made a “statement of faith” in God through her actions and words. What was her “statement of faith?” (Josh. 2:4-11).
- Does anything stand out as surprising to you from Joshua 6:22-25? What is it? Why does it surprise you? What is significant about this?
- Hebrews chapter 11 is known as the “roll call of the faithful” – the author talks about the various men and women who had demonstrated great faith in God. Does it surprise you to find Rahab listed in verse 31?
- Rahab was the great, great, great grandmother of King David (Matthew 1:5-6), and a direct ancestor of Jesus. Many families would try to hide something like this and keep it a secret – but the Bible puts out there in full view, more or less on the front page of the New Testament. Why would the Bible do this? Was God trying to make a statement by doing this? Does this give you hope?