

Christ Church sermon questions 29 September 2019

Rahab - Joshua 2

Read the Bible chapter. Is there anything that particularly stands out to you from it?

The spies went to the house of a prostitute... what do you make of that?
- *Some Bible translations call Rahab an 'innkeeper'*
- *At least one commentary says that they would have been asked fewer questions there as compared with an inn*

Rahab tells lies to the city officials. What do you think of that? Would you have done that?

Is Rahab at first really turning to God, or just trying to save her own skin, and that of her family?

Does this remind you of people becoming Christians because of the fear of the eternal consequences if they don't? Is this a problem or a valid reason for becoming a Christian?

Rahab was an unlikely character to become a follower of God. Can you think of other unlikely characters in the Bible who became followers of God?

What about in your own experience? Have you heard or read of anyone who seemed a most unlikely person but who became a Christian?

At Christ Church we consider ourselves to be a welcoming church. How are we doing at welcoming the people who we would consider 'unlikely candidates' to become Christians?

Quietly/prayerfully as individuals, take time to think about someone you want to see become a Christian, but you've almost given up on them. Ask God to help you to see them as He sees them.

And, for those of us who have owned up to what we are and have found in Jesus a loving and forgiving Saviour, are we doing anything to welcome and accept others who still need to encounter God for themselves? Or are we content in our own little Christian bubble?