



Joshua: Spies with Eyes of Faith

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Key Verses: Joshua 2:1-13

Talk Summary:

- We are in a season where God is calling us to get up and go again.
- The story of the spies in Joshua 2 is a second time of sending spies out to look at the promised land.
- In Numbers 13-14 we hear of the first spies. Joshua and Caleb look with faith and see fruit. The other 10 spies look with fear and end us stuck in the desert for another 40 years.
- We need to see God's presence and purpose in every place he has put us.
- Rahab was an unlikely person to encounter God but was ready to be saved. We need to look at people the way Jesus would, without judgement but with love and compassion and help them see his love and rescue plan for them.
- Rahab is part of God's big story. She is in Jesus' family tree. This helps us see that our faith encounters can have consequences beyond what we can see in the 'here and now'.

Worship

Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

- What has God been speaking to you about this week? *(Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it)*

Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

- What are the situations that you need to step into with eyes of faith? What challenges and opportunities are there in your neighbourhood, place of work/study where you need to see what God is doing?
- When was the last time that God put someone in front of you that needed to encounter him? What happened? What excites you about the possibility of helping people encounter Jesus? What do you find difficult?
- Why is faith so important? What do you find difficult about faith? (You might want to look at Hebrews 11:1-2 or v.6)
- You could also spend some time praying for your local area (or even try prayer walking)

Witness - *How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?*

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?