

Say Yes... Trusting God for a new way forward

The Surprising Ways of God – Joshua 2

PREPARE

Read Isaiah 55:8-11

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

- **Begin your study with a reverence for God as his ways are higher than our ways**

REFLECT

In your core group, briefly discuss one of these three questions. Break into triads if necessary.

1. How have you experienced the blessing of God in these past few weeks?
2. What burdens, worries, or anxieties have you been carrying and would appreciate prayer for?
3. What's a next step looking forward that you are excited about, fearful about, or uncertain about and want to step out in faith and need prayer support for?

STUDY

Read Joshua 2

Spies sent into Jericho by Joshua meet Rahab the prostitute; she hides them and shares encouraging information with them.

- Why would God have the spies meet up with Rahab out of all the people in Jericho?

What do we know about Rahab's faith and character? Use the following scriptures to fill out the picture of who she is.

- Hebrews 11:31
- James 2:18-26
- How does God use Rahab in the Israelite conquest of the Promised Land?

What do we learn about God and faith considering that Rahab is listed in the genealogy of Jesus?
(see Matthew 1:5)

Read and respond to the following New Testament verses about God's mysterious ways:

- Matthew 20:1-16
- Luke 7:18-23
- Romans 11:33-36
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

RESPONSE

- Where in your life these days does God's work seem confusing?
- What spiritual habits do you need to practice in order to grow in your capacity to trust Jesus... especially when things are confusing?
- Take a few minutes to be quiet and still, allow these words of God to envelop your heart: "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Close in Prayer: List prayer requests here.