

Review:

**Lesson 1:** Jesus & Noah

**Lesson 2:** Jesus & Abraham

**Lesson 3:** Jesus & Joseph

## **Jesus and Rahab** **Joshua 2:1-21**

*God's story is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ who shock us by their openness to spiritual reconciliation and the gospel message; if we are paying attention, we will see those people in our own lives as well.*

**Discussion 1. Were you ever considered an “outsider” who shocked people when you became a Christ follower? If so, why were you considered an outsider? If not, have you ever been shocked by someone you considered an outsider becoming a Christ follower? Describe that experience.**

*Biblically, the idea of God having a “chosen” people is NOT about being chosen for salvation nor any other kind of God's favor; it is about being chosen to be His ambassadors, i.e., to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.*

**Discussion 2. What are some ways you can think of that we, as Christ followers, can live our lives so as to point the world to God? Generally speaking, in our culture, do you think people outside the church are able to see the works of God when they look at the church? Why or why not?**

*Jesus developed a reputation for his love and faithfulness toward cultural outsiders. It was the insiders who ended up letting him down the most. Likewise, Jesus' church (i.e., you and me) should be known for our \_\_\_\_\_ for outsiders.*

**Discussion 3. Share about a time or circumstance when you saw Jesus followers loving “outsiders” well. Why do we find this so difficult? What do you think is the secret to getting this right?**

*The gospel of Jesus Christ is both radically \_\_\_\_\_ (anyone “in Christ” will be saved, no matter what else he/she has done in the past) and radically \_\_\_\_\_ (but only those “in Christ”). It takes some time for most of us to process what both these realities mean.*

**Discussion 4. Which reality causes you to struggle more: the radical inclusiveness of the gospel or the radical exclusiveness of it? Explain why.**