

# Sermon Study

Salvation Story  
Joshua 2:14-24

## vision

Eastview  
Christian  
Church is a  
fearless church  
of Christ  
followers whose  
ridiculous love  
and dangerous  
witness are  
irresistible.



### Author's Note

*Rahab is intensely seeking rescue for herself and her family. She has acknowledged that the God of the Israelites will prevail and she is taking big risks to be on the right side of the battle to come.*

**Gather** (your group getting to know each other)

1. Name all the ways you can think of that seal or demonstrate a covenant – a “done deal.”

2. How is a covenant different from other promises?

## Go

(your group on mission)

How might your group serve those in need of God's covenant promise of Salvation through Jesus?

## Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

### Joshua 2:14-24

<sup>14</sup>"Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land." <sup>15</sup>So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. <sup>16</sup>She said to them, "Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way." <sup>17</sup>Now the men had said to her, "This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us <sup>18</sup>unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. <sup>19</sup>If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them. <sup>20</sup>But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear." <sup>21</sup>"Agreed," she replied. "Let it be as you say." So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window. <sup>22</sup>When they left, they went into the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had searched all along the road and returned without finding them. <sup>23</sup>Then the two men started back. They went down out of the hills, forded the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them. <sup>24</sup>They said to Joshua, "The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us."

### Group Discussion:

1. Read Joshua 2:14-24 out loud. What does the text communicate about the character of God?

2. How and why is the Israelites confidence in God's promise to give them the land growing?

3. The scarlet cord Rahab is asked to hang out her window is reminiscent of the blood placed on the doorposts of God's peoples' homes as God passed over Egypt. It also foreshadows the blood shed by Jesus on the cross. In both cases, the events signaled the promise of rescue – from Egypt and from evil. Rahab's faith saved her family, and her faith ultimately resulted in her place in the lineage of Jesus (Matthew 1:5).

-How does this text help you to see how all of Scripture is connected as one complete story of God's creation and redemption of mankind?

-Why were the spies willing to swear an oath to Rahab that her family would be spared?

-What do you think reaction might have been to the scarlet cord by Rahab's neighbors?

-We all need rescue. What motivated you to surrender to your need for a Savior?

## Give

(your group serving each other)

Consider committing time this week to reach out to someone whose bold faith has been an example to you.

Pray for the hearts of those yet to believe to come to the understanding of their need for a Savior and for openings to discuss the truth of Jesus as that Savior with them.