

**“Rescued from the Dominion of Darkness”**

1. Read Ephesians 2:1–10. Dallas Willard states that the gospel is not about how to get into heaven when you die, but is instead about “how to get into heaven *before* you die.” What do you think Paul means when he writes that God has (already) “seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus” (Eph 2:6)?

What evidence do you find in this passage that grace is about more than forgiveness—it is about a new way of life? Share an example of how grace has changed your way of life.

2. Faith includes the acceptance of certain *facts* as true. Read Joshua 2:8–11. What facts did Rahab believe? What facts are a particularly important part of your faith?

There is also a *relational* aspect to faith. Read Joshua 2:12–21. How did Rahab demonstrate faith (trust, reliance, confidence) in God and others? When is it hardest for you to trust (have confidence in) God?

3. As Rahab continued to live in Jericho over the next few days, what dangers did she face from the influence of old loyalties, religion, social pressure, and the prevailing values and world view around her? What parallels do you see with your own walk of faith?

**Recurring Questions**

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?