## IIFEGROUPS STUDY GUIDE

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

→ SERIES: Metamorphosis

> MESSAGE TITLE: From Prostitute to Protected

MESSAGE DATE: 01/26/2025

## MESSAGE SUMMARY:

Pastor Matt's sermon focuses on the transformative story of Rahab, who went from being a prostitute to a protected figure in the lineage of Jesus. He emphasizes that recognizing our hopelessness, taking a leap of faith, and stepping into God's protection leads to redemption and joy. Rahab's simple act of faith, symbolized by the scarlet rope, demonstrates that even those with a troubled past can find grace and a legacy through God's love. Ultimately, Pastor Matt encourages listeners to embrace faith in God's protection, allowing them to find rest and comfort under His wings.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1.) How did Rahab's realization of her hopeless situation influence her decision to hide the spies?

Rahab understood that her current way of life was leading to destruction and needed a change. She recognized that a plan based on her identity as a prostitute was hopeless.

Can you think of a situation in your life where you felt hopeless? How did that influence your choices moving forward?

2.) What does Rahab's leap of faith tell us about trusting in God, even when we don't have all the answers?

Rahab took a risk by trusting the spies and believing in their God, even without knowing the full plan.

Have you ever taken a leap of faith? What was the outcome, and how did it strengthen or challenge your belief in God?

3.) In Psalm 91:1, it says, 'Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.' What do you think it means to live in God's shelter?

Living under God's protection leads to peace just like Rahab's experience of finding safety.

What steps can you take in your daily life to seek refuge in God and experience that peace?



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4.) Why do you think God chose to protect Rahab despite her past?

Rahab, despite her sinful background, demonstrated faith and received God's protection and redemption.

How does this encourage you to view your own past? Do you believe that anyone can be redeemed?

5.) How can the story of Rahab inspire us to have faith when faced with difficult or scary life choices?

Rahab's story illustrates how recognizing a higher power and taking action based on faith can lead to protection and redemption.

Can you identify a situation in your life where you need to step out in faith? What specific actions might you consider taking?