

Taking it Deeper - Discussion notes  
Look for Allies  
Joshua 2  
AGIF August 19

*Note - these notes are designed to facilitate a small group discussion to “take deeper” and apply personally the Sunday message. The questions are meant to stimulate discussion. Of course you are welcome to add more questions, or take away. You know your group.*

Intro question (for everyone to answer) - What was the first church you ever were a part of? Tell us something you remember from that church.

Background before reading the scripture - Can someone briefly set the scene for this scripture? Who is Joshua? The people are about to enter a new land. What is that land and why are they entering it?

Read Joshua 2.1-24 (read it out loud - each one read some verses in turn)

Will someone re-tell in their own words this story?

Did Rahab protect the spies before or after she had a deal with them?  
Why do you think she did this?

There is a beautiful symmetry to what Rahab says to the spies in verses 9-11. Please describe the symmetry. (Hint - is uses these words - Land, Fear, Melt, Heard, Egypt, 2 Kings, Heard, Melt, Fear, Heaven & Earth)

Who shows faith in this story? Explain why you say that.

*Optional scriptures to look at -  
Hebrews 11.31, James 2.25*

*Why was Rahab praised in these scriptures? Is Joshua mentioned?*

What happens with Rahab after this? (see Matthew 1.5-6)  
How can we build a church that welcomes all who are interested?  
How can we create such a welcoming atmosphere?

Prayer suggestion -

Pray for our church that we will be a welcoming community.