

LIFE Group Discussion Guide
Sunday, March 14, 2010

Sermon Title: Rahab & Esther
Sermon Series: On Your Mark
Sermon Text: Joshua 2:8-14; Esther 4:4-17

Open

1. Share one way that God worked in your life last week. [**Leader's Note:** You will notice this question as the opening question each week in order to facilitate the sharing of faith stories and to train people to be looking for ways that God is working in their lives. This can be a very positive experience for your group.]
2. What's the biggest risk you have ever taken in your life and why was it a risk?
3. What's the biggest risk you have ever taken in order to do what God wanted you to do?

Dig

1. Tonight we are going to look at two women who took big risks in order to do what they thought was right. The first woman is Rahab. Who can summarize Rahab's story for us?
2. Read Joshua 2:8-14. What do you think prompted Rahab to help the Israelite spies?
3. In verse 9 Rahab shows that she understands what God is doing in the world, which put her in a position to be used by God. Why is understanding God's purposes an important aspect of being on our mark?
4. What do you think God is doing in our world today?
5. What role do you think you play in what God is doing in the world?
6. One woman who recognized the role she could play in God's plans was Esther. Who can summarize Esther's story for us?
7. Read Esther 4:6-16. Why was Esther hesitant at first to do what Mordecai asked? What changed her mind?
8. In the last part of verse 14 Mordecai says, "And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" What does Mordecai mean by that question?
9. Do you feel or have you ever felt that God has put you in a certain situation for a specific purpose? Why or why not?

Reflect

1. Read James 2:24-26. According to James, what is Rahab an example of?
2. What gives you the courage to put your faith into action in spite of the risks that may be involved?
3. Pray that God will give your group the courage to do what's right this week.