

# Lifeline

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### ICE-BREAKER

What is one book, movie, tv show, or other piece of media that you wish you could go back and experience for the first time?

### SCRIPTURE

Joshua 2:8-21 NLT

8 Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. 9 “I know the Lord has given you this land,” she told them. “We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. 10 For we have heard how the Lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. 11 No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.

12 “Now swear to me by the Lord that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you. Give me some guarantee that 13 when Jericho is conquered, you will let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families.”

14 “We offer our own lives as a guarantee for your safety,” the men agreed. “If you don’t betray us, we will keep our promise and be kind to you when the Lord gives us the land.”

15 Then, since Rahab’s house was built into the town wall, she let them down by a rope through the window. 16 “Escape to the hill country,” she told them. “Hide there for three days from the men searching for you. Then, when they have returned, you can go on your way.”

17 Before they left, the men told her, “We will be bound by the oath we have taken only if you follow these instructions. 18 When we come into the land, you must leave this scarlet rope hanging from the window through which you let us down. And all your family members—your father, mother, brothers, and all your relatives—must be here inside the house. 19 If they go out into the street and are killed, it will not be our fault. But if anyone lays a hand on people inside this house, we will accept the responsibility for their death. 20 If you betray us, however, we are not bound by this oath in any way.”

21 “I accept your terms,” she replied. And she sent them on their way, leaving the scarlet rope hanging from the window.

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Why do you believe God gave us the Bible? Ask everyone to answer this question in their own words.

Read Joshua 2:8-21 NLT. Then, re-read it in a different translation. Next, try and retell the passage as a group in your own words.

What can we learn about God from this passage?

What can we learn about mankind from this passage?

Are there times that you read scripture and find that you don’t agree with everything you read, or don’t understand everything, or both? How do you personally move forward? Share with the group.

If you had to find one restorative message from this scripture, what would you say it is? What is God wanting to encourage you with today?

## DO

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Begin by thanking Jesus for His presence. Ask the Holy Spirit to increase the group’s awareness of Him.

Give space to sit quietly with the Lord. Pay attention to what you think, feel, sense.

Spend time sharing anything you think the Lord has put on your heart.

Conclude by ministering to one another in partnership with what the Holy Spirit is doing.

