



October 3, 2024

Messy People - Rahab: Changing Your Messy Story

Social Time

Thanks to those who brought Treats!

Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List

Opening Prayer

Hymns

- 773 – *Precious Lord*
- 798 – *Will You Come and Follow Me*
- 801 – *Change My Heart O God*

Bible Study Business

Dates over the holidays

Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith Surveys

Preparing for Discussion

Look through your book and notice any scriptures that stick out for you. Make note of them here:

Also notice any stories that struck you, quotes that prompted you to think, questions this raised or insights you gained over this past week that you might like to share. Make a note here:

Context - How Rahab fits into the biblical story

Discussion

1. What is our author talking about when she uses the term "messy people"?
2. What was messy about Rahab and her story?
3. What experiences have you had reaching out in love and care to messy people?
4. What scriptures jumped out to you?
5. What stories or quotes resonated with you?
6. What questions or insights arose for you?
7. How do we deal with our own messiness?
8. Where is God at work in this story?
9. What can we learn from Rahab?

Key Take Away

The God of the universe chooses to use people with damaged reputations, broken hearts, and sinful pasts – and that is good news for us! God knows us, redeems us, and brings us into his family, just as he did for Rahab.

For next time

Read and reflect on *Messy People*, pages 38-64

Birthdays**Closing Prayer**

Loving God, thank you for using messy people like us to accomplish your work in the world. Help us to trust you with the kind of faith that Rahab had.

Lord's Prayer

Schedule for *Messy People: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes*

Date	Topic	Prior to the Session Read and Reflect on:
9/26	Introduction to Messy People	
10/3	Rahab: Changing Your Messy Story	Pages 10-35
10/10	The Prodigal Son: Restoring Messy Relationships	Pages 38-64
10/17	Josiah: Breaking Messy Family Cycles	Pages 68-98
10/24	Mary: Surviving Life's Messy Plot Twists	Pages 102-129
10/31	David: Overcoming the Mess of Criticism	Pages 132-165
11/7	Daniel: Thriving in Messy Circumstances	Pages 169-199