

Getting started: What moral questions would arise for a Christian who considered the possibility of working as a spy?

**Read vv. 1-7                      Spies Sent into Jericho**

1. Why did Joshua send spies to Jericho? Why do you think the spies ended up in the home of Rahab the harlot? (v. 1).
  
2. How did the king's men end up at Rahab's house? (vv. 2-3) What did Rahab do with the spies? (v. 6) What did Rahab say happened to the spies? (vv. 4-5) What moral problem does Rahab's testimony raise? Would there be any situations in which lying would be permissible for a Christian?

**Read vv. 8-21                      Conversing with Rahab**

3. What did Rahab tell the spies about the people of Jericho when it came to Israel and her God? (vv. 8-11) What evidence did she cite of Jehovah's power? In your opinion, is Rahab believing in God or only saying what will protect her hide?

4. What request does she make of the spies? (vv. 12-13) What condition did the spies place upon her with regard to her request? (vv. 14, 17, 20)

5. What advice did Rahab give the spies before their departure? How were the spies able to escape the city after the gates had been closed? (v. 15-16)

6. What did the spies require of Rahab in order to secure the safety of her family upon their return?

**Read vv. 22-24                      Return of the Spies**

7. What two things did the spies report to Joshua upon their return? (vv. 23-24)

8. How did God reward Rahab for helping the spies? (6:23; Matthew 1:5) How does this text show God's love for non-Jews and his desire to save them? What does the amount of people saved in Jericho tell us?