

MOVE THE CHAINS

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

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Read Joshua 9 & 10

What parallels do you see between the Gibeonites and Rahab (Joshua 2)? What do these stories tell us about God's dealings with outsiders?

Even though the agreement with the Gibeonites was made under false pretenses, the Israelites saw it as unbreakable (See Psalm 15:4). Have you had a time when it was difficult to keep a promise? What can we learn about God's faithfulness through those experiences?

The Gibeonites willingly accepted their new servant status out of gratitude for being spared. Read Jesus' words in Matthew 20:25-28 in light of this passage. We talk about serving Christ...what is most difficult about actually doing it?

The Gibeonites had no problem going back to Joshua for help. Being a servant to someone implies the other person is responsible for the servant's care. Does this change how you think about bringing your own requests to God?

God intervened on behalf of these people who didn't deserve to be there but were fully included. How would you like God to intervene in your life right now? Do you feel like you belong to him?