

# T H E   G O D   W H O   S E E K S

## **God Seeks the Broken**

*Group Discussion Guide  
Week of January 21, 2024*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CITIZENS BASICS**

*Sunday, February 11 | 11am-11:45am  
Dowd YMCA*

We offer Citizens Basics a few times a year for anyone who is new to our church. It is the first step into the life of our community.

Led by various pastors and staff, this class consists of 30 minutes of teaching and 15 minutes of Q&A, with the goal of giving an overview of our vision as a church and how you can be a part of that vision.

Lunch and childcare is provided, but please register in advance.

### **SUPER BOWL BREWERY HANGOUT**

*Sunday, February 11 | 6:30pm  
Vaulted Oak Brewing*

Join us for our 3rd Annual Super Bowl Brewery Hangout at Vaulted Oak Brewing. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available for purchase. You can bring your own food, order pizza from across the street, or enjoy the food truck. Bring a friend and come join us for the big game!

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

*Wednesday, February 14 | 7am + 7pm  
Dowd YMCA (Calhoun Room)*

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the church season of Lent - a season set aside by the global church reflect upon our brokenness, contemplate our great need for forgiveness and remember the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. This year, we will have two identical services in the Calhoun Room at the Dowd YMCA at 7am and 7pm. We encourage you to pick one of the two services to attend. Each service will start on time and last for 45 minutes. Please note - childcare will not be provided but children are welcome in the services with us.

## STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

*Read Joshua 2:1 + Deuteronomy 18:9-14.*

***In Deuteronomy 18, we see the a summary of the brokenness of the city of Jericho. God very clearly tells his people not to participate in these sorts of deeds.***

***How does this show God's desire for His people to be set apart from the rest of the world? What are some specific ways we are called to live set apart/different from the rest of the world around us?***

*Read Joshua 2:2-11.*

***All of Jericho has heard reports of the power of God to rescue Israel. This is part of how God is seeking the broken city of Jericho.***

***How has God used his miraculous and powerful works He accomplished in the lives of others to draw you to Himself?***

*Read Joshua 2:11-21 and James 2:18-26.*

***How was Rahab's response to the power of God different from the rest of Jericho?***

***How did her faith in the one true God change her actions towards the spies? Why is this a beautiful example of good works validating true faith in God?***

## DISCUSS THE SERMON

*In the sermon, we saw how despite the brokenness of our lives -- in our relationship to God, in our relationship to others, and in the health of our own soul corrupted by sin -- that God still seeks us and pursues us and welcomes us home. In the gospel, Jesus Christ covers our brokenness with His blood, washing us clean and making us whole.*

***Do you ever believe you are too broken for God to seek and save?  
How is the story of Rahab encouraging for you in those times?***

## PRACTICE

*The way to open our hearts and lives to the seeking of God in our brokenness is through the practice of confession, which means -- going to God in prayer and agreeing with Him that sin is sin and sin is contrary to his design. We are invited in the Scriptures to confess to God and to other Christians?*

***What do you need to confess to God and another Christian this week? Is there any sin you have been hiding from God or from your community, that you need to bring into the light? Make plans to do that in Prayer+Care Time or some other point this week.***