

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 12

- 1. What is God's commission to Joshua? How is it to be carried out? By whom?**
- 2. Who is Rahab? What does she do for the Israelites? In your opinion, is she a significant character in the biblical story? Why or why not?**
- 3. Describe the Israelite's battle strategy at Jericho. What was used to bring down the walls of the city? What does this say about the power of God?**
- 4. Why did the Israelites fail to capture Ai on their first attempt? What keeps them from victory? How does Joshua respond to this failure? How does God respond?**
- 5. What is unique about the final chapter of the Gospel of Mark? Why do you think the author(s) ended it this way?**
- 6. Who is Theophilus? Who are Zechariah and Elizabeth? Who is Zechariah prophesying about in Luke 1:67-79 and what do we learn about that person from his prophecy?**
- 7. Why are the shepherds so elated to hear about the birth of the Messiah? What did they understand the Messiah to be? What did they expect the Messiah to do? What do we expect of the Messiah?**
- 8. What do Mary and Joseph do with Jesus after his birth? Why? What is unique and significant about the story of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)?**