

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Never Been Here Before: Joshua, Part Two

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Introduction:

1. Think about a monumental event in your life—wedding, deciding where to attend school, buying a house, moving out of state. What helped you make that decision? Did you receive a sign that helped you know how to make your decision?
2. Have you ever been a sign to someone else who was looking for direction?
3. What does God use in your life that gives you signs or helps you find your direction?

Discussion Questions

4. While the people were waiting to cross the Jordan River, what do you suppose they were feeling? Doing?
5. What is the Ark of the Covenant? Why is it significant? What does it signify? What did it contain? Read Exodus 37:1-9; Hebrews 9:3-5.
6. Why are the Israelites instructed to follow the Ark and then keep their distance from it?
7. Consecrate means to have a solemn dedication for a special purpose or service, to set apart as sacred. Read Exodus 13:2; Leviticus 20:7. Joshua told the Israelites to consecrate themselves. Why? How?
8. Do we need to consecrate ourselves today?

9. How was the Jordan crossing like the Red Sea crossing of the previous generation? Read Exodus 14:18, 21-22, 29-31; 15:11-18.
10. Why did Joshua have the people set up a monument of 12 stones? Read Joshua 4:6-7,11, 13, 21-22, 24, Joshua 5:1.
11. Why did God care what all the peoples of the earth thought of him? Does he still care? How should this affect what we do?
12. What memorials has God given us by which we can remember him? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)
13. If you live in Washington DC and walk by the Lincoln Memorial, or the Washington Monument on a regular basis, they might lose their significance. What can we do individually to maintain the significance of what God has done for us?
14. When Israel crossed the Jordan, it was a step of great faith. When the Samaritan woman at the well went to tell her peers about Jesus, it was a Jordan crossing moment. What are the greatest events in your life that you should memorialize?
15. What encounters with God would you consider writing down for future generations to recall as a way to encourage them to trust God?
16. How would remembering these things at a later date be a sign for you? How would these things be a sign for someone in your family years from now?

**When was it that you knew Jesus gave His life for you?
What has God done for you recently?**