



# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 4: Joshua 3:1-17 • HOMEWORK 2/20-2/25 • SERMON 2/23, 2/26

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"While Rahab waits with the scarlet cord hanging in her window, the narrative moves back to the Israelites and, in Joshua 3-4, shows them crossing the Jordan River. May this story, as it is retold among us, once again inspire a wondrous fear of the Lord, whose powerful hand ushers his people into the land." (Kathleen Nielson, "Joshua: All God's Good Promises")

## MEDITATE

1. Read Joshua 3:1-17. Record 5-7 observations below.

## DWELL

2. What did God focus his people on as they crossed into the promised land? (See Joshua 3:3, 3:8, 3:14-15)

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3. What do you know about the Ark of the Covenant (see Exodus 25:10-22). What did the ark signify for God's people?

### GOSPEL CONNECTION:

While we no longer have the ark of the covenant today, we do have the presence of God and the Word of God in our midst. In reference to the Ark of the Covenant, Exodus 25:22 mentions "There I will meet with you . . . there I will speak with you . . .".

4. Read John 1:1-3, 1:14. Record what you notice about God's word and God's presence mentioned in these verses below.

5. As New Testament believers, we know the very word of God incarnated (dwelt) among us in the person of Jesus. In what ways do you experience the presence of God through His word, today? Or if this is an area you desire to grow in, in what ways can you begin to meet with God in His word daily?
  
6. The miracle of crossing the Jordan is reminiscent of what other miracle the people of Israel experienced? (See Exodus 14:21-22). Share what similarities you find in Exodus 14 and Joshua 3 below.
  
7. Why would crossing on dry ground be significant to God's people?
  
8. In what ways would this experience (the crossing of the Jordan on dry ground) increase the people of God's trust and worship in Him?

## **APPLY**

9. How has your trust in God and obedience to Him led you to see His power and faithfulness in your life? Can you share a specific time in your life where you obeyed God in a confusing or fearful time and it led to seeing His faithfulness?
  
10. What was most significant to you as you studied the passage this week? What was challenging?

## **PRAY**

Spend some time in worshipful prayer reflecting on God's presence and power in your life currently. Praise him with specific attributes or works He's done in your life. Record them below.