

Review with your group at a high level what the Israelites were in the midst of doing, why they were there, etc. (i.e. they had been freed from slavery in Egypt, had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, and were now beginning to take the Promised Land).

Read Joshua 3:1-7

1. Why did the officers instruct the Israelites to keep a distance of two thousand cubits (a little over half a mile) between themselves and the Ark of the Covenant?
2. What did Joshua mean when he told the Israelites to sanctify themselves?
3. Why was it necessary for them to do so?
4. How might this apply to us today? Why is it necessary for us?

Read Joshua 3:7-17

5. Can you think of a time when you thought the Lord might be leading you in a certain direction but fear was either holding you back in some way?
6. Focus on verses 10 and 11. How would this be encouraging for the Israelites? Does that encourage you?
7. Why is it necessary for us to move when God calls us to move? Can't God do whatever he needs to do without us?
8. The Israelites witnessed a major miracle when the Lord stopped up the Jordan so that approximately 2 million people plus animals crossed over on dry ground. Have you witnessed miracles in your own life? Have you witnessed God tangibly moving?

Read Joshua 4:1-8

9. Why was it necessary for the Israelites to make a memorial pile of stones?
10. Why is it important that for us today that we consider making "memorials" in our own lives to remember **what the Lord has done**?

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