

The Jordan River Rules

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Schedule:

May 3 - Rule 1-2

May 10 - Rule 3-5

May 17 - Rule 6-7

May 24 - Rule 8-10

Rule #6: Prepare Today for Tomorrow's Wonders

Joshua 3: 5-8

Directions to the people:

1. Consecrate yourself.

- o 1 Corinthians 6:11 - "And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ by the Spirit of our God." (CSB)

2. Prepare yourself for the wonders of tomorrow.

2 Timothy 2:21 - "So if anyone purifies himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a special instrument, set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work."

Directions to the Priests:

1. Take the Ark of the Covenant and go on ahead of the people.

- The Ark was _____.
- The Ark contained: _____
- The Ark was covered with the _____. It represented the _____.

Directions to the Joshua:

- God assures Joshua that He will let the Israelites know that God is _____.
- God tells Joshua to tell the priests with the Ark that when they get to the edge of the river to _____.

Rule #7: Trust God to Turn Problems into Pathways Joshua 3: 9-17

Truths to end our session:

TRUTH: JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET CLEAN BEFORE GOD.

TRUTH: GOD LONGS TO SPEND ONE-ON-ONE TIME WITH YOU.

TRUTH: GOD ALWAYS GOES AHEAD OF US.

TRUTH: GOD IS ABLE TO DO ABUNDANTLY MORE THAN WE CAN EVER IMAGINE. DO NOT BE SCARED OF HIS PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

TRUTH: GOD IS FOR YOU.

Discussion Time:

If you are comfortable, share with the group one example of how God prepared you for something...or maybe you are in the middle of preparing and you want to share.

Types of preparation....

1.Normal life skill building that God surprisingly uses for His glory...most of the time we don't even realize we are being prepared for something. Sometimes these are the best surprises!

- Young mother at home with two babies (feeling not so useful to the Lord) watching the Food Network to learn to cook. Practicing on my family and improving the skill. Now I serve as the cook on mission trips.
- David working on his slingshot skills while tending the sheep, never once thinking, "I sure hope one day I get to kill a giant."

2.Specific training for a known challenge

- Training for a big hike like the Grand Canyon...using that as a part of your testimony.
- Preparing your testimony in story form so you can share on a mission trip or at the hair dresser.

3.Life's trials and tribulations...hard lessons

- Oftentimes these are unavoidable parts of our story that God uses to teach us about who He is and how to depend on Him.
- Sometimes these are direct consequences of sin our lives.