



Study Guide - Week 2

Ice Breaker 🧊

Random Question: If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life without any health implications, what would it be and why?

Move of You: Describe the most recent time you moved (cities, houses, out of your parents', etc.).

Sermon Recap 🎬

Ever felt stuck at a spiritual dead end, wondering if God's really in your situation? Through the story of Joshua at the Jordan River, God transforms impossible obstacles into launchpads for His glory. Drawing from this powerful narrative of faith-filled obedience, we discover that God's movements require preparation, demand courageous steps of faith, and leave undeniable evidence of His presence. Whether you're facing career decisions, relationship challenges, or questioning your faith journey, this message illuminates how to recognize God's hand in your circumstances. Don't miss this inspiring exploration of how God turns dead ends into divine appointments—watch now to discover your next step of faith.

Read Scripture

Joshua 3:5-13 NIV

⁵ Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.”

⁶ Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people.” So they took it up and went ahead of them.

⁷ And the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses.” ⁸ Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: “When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.”

⁹ Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God. ¹⁰ This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. ¹¹ See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. ¹² Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

Discussion Questions

▼ Joshua 3:5 says 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.' How does this challenge our approach to preparing for God's movement in our lives?

- How does this challenge our approach to preparing for God's movement in our lives?
- What specific habits or practices could you implement to better prepare yourself for God's movement in your life?

Read Scripture

Joshua 3:14-17 NIV

¹⁴ So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

Discussion Questions

▼ Joshua and the priests had to step into the flood-stage waters before God parted them.

- What does this teach us about the relationship between faith and seeing God move in our lives?

▼ The Israelites placed 12 stones as a memorial of God's faithfulness.

- Why is it important to have tangible reminders of times when God has moved in our lives?
- What specific moment in your life could serve as your 'stone of remembrance' when you doubt God's presence?

▼ How does the definition of a 'Move of God' - when weakness, uncertainty and risk become a launchpad for His unmistakable glory - challenge our expectations of how God works?

- The crossing of the Jordan demonstrated how God often works through seemingly impossible situations to display His power.

▼ God was present before, during, and after the crossing through the symbol of the ark.

- Where do you need to trust God's presence most right now - in your past, present circumstances, or future uncertainties?

Application Questions

- When was the last time you had to take a step of faith before seeing God's provision, and what did that experience teach you?
- In what current situation are you facing weakness or uncertainty that could potentially become a launchpad for God's glory?

Final Thought

How do we know if God is really in our circumstances? By remembering all the times He has been there before. Take a minute and actually write down the moment you saw God move that stands out to you. And ask yourself: Am I ready to see a move of God today based on my preparation from yesterday?

Prayer

- Open with asking for any personal or family prayer requests.
- Ask God for guidance in discerning His presence in our daily decisions.
- Pray for the courage to take steps of faith, even when the path seems unclear.
- Seek God's strength in times of uncertainty, trusting His plans and purposes.
- Thank God for the movements He has made in our lives and pray for awareness of those yet to come.

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