

Icebreaker

Who was/is your favorite cartoon character?

Discussion Questions – The past

- 1 *What are some words that describe the past?*
- 2 *How did Tim describe the role of a counselor in relation to the past? (Going through a filing cabinet of your past and processing it with them.)*
- 3 *Why is it not helpful to tell people to forget the past?*

Read Joshua 4: 1-10

- 4 *What did God tell Joshua to have the 12 tribes to do?*
- 5 *Why do you think they were instructed to do this?*
- 6 *How does looking back at the past help us process all that God has done for us?*
- 7 *How were the stones to be used for future generations?*
- 8 *How can we place markers for our children to be reminded of what God has done for us and them?*

Be Thankful:

- 9 *When would the 12 stones placed in the middle of the Jordan possibly be visible? (Drought/dry season)*
- 10 *What do you think is the benefit of the stones being visible during these more difficult times?*

God and our past

Read Romans 4:7, Acts 3:19

- 11 *What do these verses say about our past sins?*
- 12 *How can this help us when we get down and depressed?*

Read Isaiah 43:25, Hebrews 8:12, 2 Corinthians 5:17

- 13 *What are words that describe God and our sins in these verses?*
- 14 *What are constructive ways that we as christians can use our past to move into the future?*

15 *Is there a difference in your mind in dwelling on the past and remembering the past?*

Application

15 *What is one specific response to God you can take this next week as you remember what God has done for you?*

As always, feel free to make this study your own. These questions are only discussion starters to help you get the conversation going.