

## Say Yes... Trusting God for a new way forward

Crossing the Jordan – Joshua 3 & 4

### PREPARE

#### Read Psalm 77:6-12

My heart meditated and my spirit asked:

<sup>7</sup> “Will the Lord reject forever?

Will he never show his favor again?

<sup>8</sup> Has his unfailing love vanished forever?

Has his promise failed for all time?

<sup>9</sup> Has God forgotten to be merciful?

Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”

<sup>10</sup> Then I thought, “To this I will appeal:

the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.

<sup>11</sup> I will remember the deeds of the Lord;

yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

<sup>12</sup> I will consider all your works

and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”

- **Take some time to remember the Lord’s “mighty deeds” in your life**

### REFLECT

In your core group, briefly discuss one of these three questions. Break into triads if necessary.

1. How have you experienced the blessing of God in these past few weeks?
2. What burdens, worries, or anxieties have you been carrying and would appreciate prayer for?
3. What’s a next step looking forward that you are excited about, fearful about, or uncertain about and want to step out in faith and need prayer support for?

### STUDY

#### Read Joshua 3

*The Israelites need to cross the Jordan River which is at flood stage. This provides a great narrative of listening for God’s voice and obediently following Him.*

- Describe what the Lord says to Joshua in verses 7 & 8:
- How does Joshua respond to what the Lord tells him?
- Imagine for a moment that you are one of the priests carrying the ark of the covenant... what thoughts and feelings might you have as you approach the Jordan River?
- Verses 13-17. The miracle happens! What does this teach us about God?

### **Read Joshua 4**

*Joshua instructs twelve men to each gather a stone so they can build a memorial of remembrance.*

- What is the purpose of this memorial?
- What present-day memorials do you have in your life?

What do the following verses teach us about listening for God's voice? (Probably just choose a couple)

- Exodus 33:7-11
- 1 Samuel 3:1-14
- Luke 10:38-42
- John 10:1-5
- Revelation 2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22

Study the following stories about people responding to what God said to them: (Again, just a couple)

- Genesis 6:9-22
- Genesis 22:1-14
- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- 2 Chronicles 15:1-18
- Luke 1:26-38
- Acts 16:6-10

### **RESPONSE**

- How can you put yourself in a position to better hear the voice of God? What do you sense God is saying to you these days?
- What action do you need to take to be obedient to what you sense God is saying to you?
- What spiritual habits do you need to practice in order to remember God's good work in your life?
- Take a few minutes to be quiet and still, allow these words of God to envelop your heart: "This is how you will know that the living God is among you... ."

Close in Prayer: List prayer requests here.