



Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Share about a time you made a big mistake that you lived to regret, or share about a time you got a real second chance and it turned out great?

Talk About it!

QUESTION 1

Discuss:

What does the “Promised Land” look like to you in your own life?

QUESTION 2

Joshua 3:1-5 New Living Translation

1 Early the next morning Joshua and all the Israelites left Acacia Grove and arrived at the banks of the Jordan River, where they camped before crossing. 2 Three days later the Israelite officers went through the camp, 3 giving these instructions to the people: “When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, move out from your positions and follow them. 4 Since you have never traveled this way before, they will guide you. Stay about half a mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don’t come any closer.”

5 Then Joshua told the people, “Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you.”

Hebrews 12:1 New Living Translation

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Discuss:

What does it look like to prepare spiritually? How have you personally learned to prepare yourself spiritually? If we believe today that God is able to do wonders among us do we need to consecrate or sanctify ourselves? Why or why not? Is there anything in your life that will keep you from crossing over if you don’t let it go?



QUESTION 3

Joshua 3:7-8 New Living Translation

7 The Lord told Joshua, “Today I will begin to make you a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites. They will know that I am with you, just as I was with Moses. 8 Give this command to the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant: ‘When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, take a few steps into the river and stop there.’”

Discuss:

Why is a God-inspired plan helpful and important? In what way have you been positioning yourself to hear God’s heart for you regarding His plans for you to move forward in life?

QUESTION 4

Joshua 3:9-14 New Living Translation

9 So Joshua told the Israelites, “Come and listen to what the Lord your God says. 10 Today you will know that the living God is among you. He will surely drive out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites ahead of you. 11 Look, the Ark of the Covenant, which belongs to the Lord of the whole earth, will lead you across the Jordan River! 12 Now choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. 13 The priests will carry the Ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth. As soon as their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream, and the river will stand up like a wall.”

14 So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them.

Discuss:

What does it look like to proceed as God leads? Does fear or faith tend to dictate your action when the stakes are high? What helps you to take steps of faith even when it is risky?

QUESTION 5

Joshua 3:9-14 New Living Translation

15 It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river’s edge, 16 the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea[a] until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho.

17 Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground.

Discuss:

How does having a supernatural expectation affect the outcome of your decisions? How do we overcome the obstacles to that preferred future we desire to move into? How do we prepare for the challenges that we face once we get there? What might those challenges be?