

Foundry Groups

## *Through the Water: Week 5*



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**Leaders Reminder:** Be sure to watch the Community Question portion after prayer.

### **Ice Breaker**

*What is a great experience you had as a child, that you would love to recreate for your children or grandchildren someday?*

Read the following scripture as a group:

Joshua 3 New International Version (NIV)

## Crossing the Jordan

**3** Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. **2** After three days the officers went throughout the camp, **3** giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. **4** Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it."

**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.”

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.

## Sermon Recap Video

Watch the video together

## Discussion Questions

### Question #1

**What do you think the new generation of Israelites thought about the stories of the Red Sea crossing?**

*Do you think anyone doubted it?*

*Do you think they wished they had seen it?*



## Question #2

**Do you have someone in your life, who has had an awesome faith experience, that you can only imagine?**

*Do you long to see or experience something like that?*

*Why or why not?*

## Question #3

**God instructed Joshua to lead the people through the water, promising He would make a way through and part the water. How would you feel as Joshua; Moses' new replacement?**

*Why was God going to lead them through the water?*

*Have you ever had to lead people, according to God's word or instruction?*

*How did you find the courage?*

## Question #4

**In the Devotions, we read that God led the people on a very long and winding trip that could have taken a month. Why did he do this?**

*Have you ever felt God took you the "long way" through a journey, process or experience?*

*What was the purpose?*

*What did he teach you?*

## Question #5

**After they crossed the Jordan with the Ark of the Covenant, Joshua marks the place with twelve stones. From then on, any time they crossed that spot, there would be visual reminder of what God had done. Why is this important?**

*Is there a place in life that God has walked you through?*

*How could you make a point to remember and tell others about it?*

*Once, we were at a marriage conference, and Dan Seaborn spoke. He talked about making a Miracle Shelf in your house. This would be a place where you put small items to remind you of what God had done. What would you put on it?*

Please spend time in prayer before watching the community questions video.

## Close in Prayer

Prayer is a great time to grow together as a group. Ask your group members for prayer concerns, and take turns praying for one another today and throughout the week!

Remind you group to spend time with God this week, and that the Devotions are available on Foundrychurch.net

## Community Questions:

Watch the end of the video for answers from Eric!