

# **WHO IS YOUR GOD? (OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>)**

## **THE COMMUNITY**

Memorize Joshua 1:9 – *“This is my command – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

1. What weather episode challenged your “normal” the most?
2. While you worshiped at Coastal this week, what touched your heart thru the message or music? What engaged you and got your attention? What challenged your thinking or what did you wonder about?

## **THE BIBLE** (*Websites - biblegateway.com, blueletterbible.org, biblos.com, ccel.org*)

3. Read Joshua 3:1 – 4:24 this week. Use the websites above to read it in different versions. What observations do you have? What words or phrases stand out to you?
4. How does God deal with his people and what does He expect from them?

## **THE APPLICATION**

5. What is our responsibility as Christians to the next generation? What is one step you can take toward fulfilling that responsibility?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What “monuments” do you have in your life to teach, remind and encourage? What event(s) in your life might warrant a “monument”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. As you know Him more and more personally, what characteristics of God have been increasingly evident to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What step forward by faith might God be asking you to take?

# SERMON NOTES

## I. Preparation for Crossing (Joshua 3)

A. Priests carry Ark of the Covenant (vs 6)

B. Consecration (Set apart for God) of the Israelites (vs 5)

1. Reminded God's People of the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ (3:5; 5:1)

2. Not a call for swords & shields or ready for \_\_\_\_\_ (I Samuel 17:27)

C. Listened to the Word of God (vs 9)

## II. Process of the Crossing (Joshua 3-4)

A. Priests walk into the water with Ark (3:15)

1. Water \_\_\_\_\_ in a Heap at Adam—  
15 miles north of Jericho (3:16)

2. People stayed 2000 cubits (3000 feet) away  
from ark (3:4)

3. Ark always kept in view—\_\_\_\_\_ was  
leading them (3:4)

B. People crossed together (3:17)

C. 12 Men grabbed 12 stones for a \_\_\_\_\_ (4:5)

## III. Principles of the Crossing into the Promise Land

A. What did the Crossing of the Jordan mean to Israel?

1. God had not \_\_\_\_\_ Israel

2. God had them set up a \_\_\_\_\_

B. Why a Monument?

1. Teach us that the memory of our miracles of the past are not enough to sustain us, but to remind us of how uniquely \_\_\_\_\_ is.
2. For the next generation to see \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When you're in the valley, in need of courage, you can always look and be reminded of the \_\_\_\_\_ (3:11; 4:24)

C. What the Promise Land means to Israel?

1. God always keeps His \_\_\_\_\_
2. Remind them the source of all \_\_\_\_\_
3. Validates new Joshua (3:7; 4:14)
4. An everlasting reminder \_\_\_\_\_ (4:24)

## SMALL GROUP PRIMER

*Small Groups are a place to live life in community as a people developing to love and worship God through actively engaging in the intersection of God's word and our daily life.*

- Read Joshua 3-4.
- How does God deal with his people and what does He expect from them?
- What is our responsibility as Christians to the next generation? What is one step you can take toward fulfilling that responsibility?
- Next week's passage: Joshua 5:13-15

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