

THE BOOK OF

JOSHUA

STENGTH. COURAGE. LEADERSHIP. FAITH.

Joshua 3: 14 – 4:14. Can we trust God's power?

Small group questions

1. Inevitability of Trials

- **Read Joshua 3:14 -17.** The Israelites faced the Jordan River at flood stage, a seemingly insurmountable obstacle, yet God led them there at that precise time. What can this situation teach us about the inevitability of trials in our own lives? How should we respond when we face seemingly impossible challenges?

2. God's Purpose in Difficulties

- **Read James 1:2-4.** In the sermon, it was mentioned that God uses trials to increase our faith and godliness. How can we discern God's purpose during difficult times? Can you share a personal experience where a trial led to deeper faith or spiritual growth?

3. Recognizing God's Power

- **Read Ephesians 3:20.** The miracle of stopping the Jordan River's flow was a demonstration of God's power. How does this event encourage us to trust in God's power in our lives? Can you think of a time when you experienced or witnessed God's power in a seemingly impossible situation?

4. Humble Leadership

- **Read Matthew 11:29.** Joshua demonstrated humble leadership by directing the people's attention to God rather than himself. How does this example challenge our understanding of leadership, especially in Christian ministry? What practical steps can we take to embody humility in our own roles?

5. The Role of Memorials

- **Read Joshua 4:6-7.** The twelve stones taken from the Jordan River served as a memorial for future generations. Why are memorials or symbols of faith important in our spiritual journey? Discuss the significance of the Holy Communion as a memorial of Jesus' death and resurrection.

6. Passing on the Faith

- **Read Judges 2:10.** The sermon emphasised the importance of passing faith to the next generation. Reflecting on Judges 2:8-11, what are some reasons that faith might not be successfully passed on? How can we actively work to ensure that the gospel is shared with and embraced by future generations?

7. Stepping Out in Faith

- **Read 2 Corinthians 5:7.** The priests had to step into the Jordan River before God performed the miracle. What does this teach us about the relationship between faith and action? Can you share an experience where you had to take a step of faith before seeing God's provision or intervention?

8. Reflection and Application

- **Read Psalm 78:4.** The Israelites were commanded to share the story of the Jordan crossing with future generations. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have a way more significant story to share! How can we more powerfully – courageously - share what Jesus has done with others, both within and outside our church? What holds us back?

Dear Heavenly Father, as we reflect on Joshua's journey, we're reminded that trials are an inevitable part of our lives. Thank you that in those moments, you are always present. Help us to trust in your power, no matter what you call us to do. May we courageously – and humbly - share the story of your greatness, both within

*and outside our church, telling others of **our** great rescue, through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray. Amen.*