

**WEEK 3 | ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS
JOSHUA 3:1-17**



ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

Catch everybody up to date on what's going on with New City. You can use your bulletin as a tool to do so. Especially note all the new summer studies that are beginning soon (<http://bit.ly/1pkczVc>).

STARTER QUESTION (10 MINUTES)

Complete this sentence: If you had a convertible, what music would you want people to hear you blaring as you raced down the road?

And which music would you love to blare, but would be embarrassed if people heard it?

REFLECTION AND STUDY (30 MINUTES)

>>>>Read Joshua 3:1-17

(1) Retell the basics of the story together as a group, answering these questions:

- WHO are the main characters in the story?
- WHAT happens here?
- WHEN is this all occurring?
- WHERE is the action taking place?
- WHY do you think things are turning out this way?
- HOW does the main action in the story come to a conclusion?

(2) On Sunday Josh suggested the Israelites must have been feeling a mixture of excitement along with uncertainty and fear? Do you think this is true? How does this passage address situations like that in our own lives?

(3) What do you know about the ark of the covenant? Why do you think it is mentioned so many times in this passage?

- (4) What do we learn about the character of God from this passage?
- (5) The people were called to “consecrate themselves” in verse 5. What do you think that means? What would it look like for you to prepare yourself to see God’s wonders?
- (6) What roles do the leaders play in this passage (v.7-9)? What insight does this give us about how God uses leaders in the life of our community?
- (7) Why do you think God made them cross the Jordan during the rainy season? (see v. 15) What insight does 2 Cor 12:9-10 give us as to how God works?
- (8) **Read Joshua 4:1-7, 20-22.** What is the purpose of the 12 stones? How can you create “memorials” in your life to remember God’s goodness and power?

ACTION STEPS

- (1) Think of ways to create a memorial to what God has done in your life lately. With your community group, in your family, or on your own: take some plastic cups and write down ways God has shown you grace in the last year. Then build a monument/memorial to the Lord.
- (2) Consider keeping a blessings journal. At the end of your day, write down 2-3 things you are thankful for from the day.
- (3) Be intentional about preparing yourself for worship on Sunday mornings. Get up early and look at the “Getting Ready for Sunday” post on The City. Read through the Scripture passage and listen to some of the songs before you come to worship.

PRAYER (15 MINUTES)

Break up into smaller groups of men and women. For those who are comfortable, share your applications and pray for one another.