



## An Unlikely Faith

June 14, 2020

### Reading/Group Discussion

#### Begin with prayer

As you begin your gathering, have someone open by praying that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your time together.

### Scripture + Discussion

Have someone read **Joshua 3:1-5**, another person read **Joshua 3:14-17**, and another person read **Joshua 4:5-7**. Then, talk through the questions below.

Here are a few questions to guide this time:

- How did this sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you?
- In Dan's sermon, he mentioned how the Israelites come to the river at flood stage and need God's help to get across. If you were to describe your life right now in terms of a river, what would that river look like? Would it be calm and serene? Would it be at flood stage? Or would it be somewhere in between? Explain. Do you tend try to cross rivers on your own or do you rely on God to get across?
- In this sermon, we talked about how God wants to do amazing things through his people, but they first need to set themselves apart (or consecrate themselves, Joshua 3:5). With no judgement, if you were to gauge on a scale of 1-10 how devoted to the Lord you are, what number would you say? Why?
- What area of your life do you still tend to hold too tightly? What would it look like for you to give that area to God?
- In this passage, the Israelites were told to follow the ark (representative of God's presence) across the river. When in your life have you allowed God to lead you into a new situation that was difficult to face? How did you see him work in that situation?
- In this passage, we also read about the Israelites being told to set up a memorial to remember all that God had done amongst them. Where have you forgotten the work of God in your life? Is there anywhere where you are in danger of believing you built what you have?

## **Spiritual Practice Debrief**

On Day 5 of this week's daily devotionals, we introduced a spiritual practice called "Stones of Remembrance." Depending on when your group meets during the week, your group may be meeting before or after this practice.

If you meet *before* this day in the devotionals, spend time prepping as a group for this practice and plan a time to debrief it with one another.

If you meet *after* this day in the devotionals, spend time having each person share what it was like to engage with this practice. Then, have each person in your group share one of their memorial stones and why it's significant to them.

## **Finish with prayer**

You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.