



Life Group Discussion Guide
Living a Legacy; Studies in Joshua
The Power of Memorials - Joshua 4
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Main Thought: Memorials are reminders of God's faithfulness to His promises and His people.

Sunday Outline:

- The Crossing of the River (vs. 1-13)
- The Crowning of Joshua (vs. 14-18)
- The Commemoration of the Crossing (vs. 19-24)

Welcome & Fellowship Time (*Suggested Time 10 Minutes*)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (*Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes*)

- Who are the flawed folks that God has used in your life to accomplish His purposes?

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- Think about a monumental event in your life. How do you commemorate it?

Sermon Review: (*Suggested Time 20 minutes*).

- Why would God have Israel cross the river at the most dangerous and unlikely time?
- What part did the Ark of the Covenant play in the river crossing and what's its significance? (Look at both Joshua 3 and 4)
- How was the Jordan crossing like the Red Sea crossing? (Exodus 14:18; 21-22; 29-31)
- What does verse 4 tell us about the people and leadership?
- Why did Joshua have the people set up memorials? (vs. 19-24)
- What memorials has God given the church to remember Him?



Digging Deeper: *(Suggested Time 15 minutes)*

Read Exodus 14 and discuss the following question regarding Israel's other water crossing.

1. What was God's purpose in this last trap of Pharaoh? (vs. 1-4)
2. Describe Pharaoh and his officials' attitudes in your own words. Why do you think they did not seem to care about all the plagues that had come on them? What does this tell us about sin and our minds? (vs. 5-9)
3. Did Moses talk to God before or after reassuring the people? What does this say about Moses' faith? (vs. 13-18)
4. What lessons can we learn from crossing the Red Sea? (vs. 19-31)

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- Memorial stones were erected as a way to communicate faith to the next generation. Do you have a personal faith in Christ to share with the next generation?
- Why is failure to remember God's faithfulness such a threat to the transmission of faith?
- What creative memorials could you erect to highlight God's faithfulness to future generations in your family?

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*