



# J O S H U A

FAITH IN THE GOD OF PROMISE

*\*There are more questions here than you'll need for discussion. Ultimately we want your group to remember and tell stories of God's faithfulness in your lives, so skip questions where needed and make sure you leave plenty of time to share!*

## RECAP

- What miracle has God just performed for the Israelites? How did He do it?
- Where are the Israelites going? Why do they want to go there?

*Joshua takes time to stop the story and emphasize something. All of chapter 4 is dedicated to the summary of the "memorial stones" God commands them to set up.*

## INTRO

- What kind of stories do you like to tell? (funny, serious, scary, etc.)
- Why are stories of our past important?
- Do you ever tell others stories about God's faithfulness in your life? Why or why not?

*God shows us in Joshua 4 the importance of reminding people of his goodness and power.*

## THEN

Read Joshua 4:1-7

- Why do you think God wants the Israelites to grab these 12 stones? Who are they for?
- Why is it important that all tribes are represented?
- Where did the stones come from? Why is that significant?

Read Joshua 4:8-10

*We see that there is most likely a second memorial constructed by Joshua himself.*

- Where was the memorial set up by the 12 men in verse 8? Where was the memorial set up by Joshua in verse 9? What is significant about the locations of these 2 memorials?
- Why do you think the ark needed to stay in the Jordan "until everything was finished"?

Read Joshua 4:11-18

- Why did the Lord exalt Joshua? How did this impact his leadership?
- What happened when the priests stepped out of the Jordan?
- How did the Lord show his faithfulness through this story?

Read Joshua 4:19-24

- Here we see the main reason for setting up the memorial.
- What do you think God wants the next generation to know?

## NOW

Take some time to tell stories of God's faithfulness in your life. Was there a time that He answered your prayers in a big way? What about a time when He walked with you through something difficult?

This isn't required, but is there a memorial (something physical) that you can make or set up to remind you of God's faithfulness? This would be great for you to think through with your parents. Make a commitment to tell people of God's faithfulness and power when they ask about it.