



Group Discussion Questions

Reaching Forward - January 30 | February 2, 2020

Group Discussion: What kind of power do we respect?

Read: Joshua 3 & 4

The Ark of the Covenant represented the very presence of God leading the children of Israel into the land God had given Abraham. God displayed His power by holding back the flood water of the Jordan River. Why do you think God only does these kinds of miracles at very, very rare times? If God was going to do a miracle like this in your life, what would you have Him do? Do you ever identify God's power at work in your life? Has God displayed power in your life? What does or would that look like?

What was the significance of the 12 stones pulled out of the middle of the Jordan River? One man from each tribe was to pick, carry and contribute 1 stone, why not pick the 12 strongest people, why 1 man from each tribe? Why do you think God engages in object lessons like the memorial built of the 12 stones? What are American object lessons?

Why do you think God scheduled the crossing of the Jordan River at the height of the flood season? Why did God command the Levites to stay out in the middle of the dry river bed with the Ark of the Covenant? Why put 12 stones in the middle of the Jordan River?

When someone uses the word "worship" what does that mean to you or how do you define it? Do you prepare yourself for worship as you cross the GateWay Church threshold? Do things go haywire on Sunday morning so it seems like Satan is trying to get you to miss church? Do you sometimes get out of your car on Sunday morning at GateWay with a bad or frustrated attitude? Do you feel better by the end of church?

Which one of the 3 "So What?!" application points make the most difference in your life? Why? Which one is the least important?

Family Time: Tell your kids the story of Joshua crossing the Jordan dry riverbed while God held back the water. Then explain how they set up 12 stones to remind them that God does things with them and for them. Discuss what kind of an object lesson you can make together to remember that Jesus does things with us and for us. You could gather a couple of small branches and make a cross, create something with legos, or each family member could find a rock and make a pile to symbolize family unity.