

Christ Community Church

Community Group Discussion Guide for Week of October 4, 2026

Announcements

1. **Community Group:** Be sure to access your Community Group document to sign up to bring a snack or dessert item to a future Community Group.
2. **Boiler Room Prayer Gathering:** Join others on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM in the YMCA to pray for ourselves, our neighbors, our city, and whatever else.
3. **Future Meetups:** Next MAC Sunday is Oct. 11 at Mac's Pizza Pub in Blue Ash after Church - Next Men's Meetup is October 15 from 7:30 to 9:00 at Hoppin' Vines in Kenwood - Next Women's Meetup is Nov. 5 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at Wine Not in Symmes Township.
4. **OGB Coat Drive:** Bring new and gently used coats to the Operation Give Back donation bin at the Blue Ash YMCA through October 18th to help keep local children and families warm throughout the winter months.
5. **OGB Holiday Store Drive:** Bring new, unwrapped Christmas gifts to the Operation Give Back donation bin at the Blue Ash YMCA from October 19 to December 6 to help provide Christmas presents for local children and families in need.
6. **YMCA Boo Fest:** Gather at the Blue Ash YMCA on October 29 from 5:30 to 7:30PM for their annual Trunk or Treat. Christ Community Church will be passing out fidgets, candy, invitations to church, and more. All are welcome to attend, but if you would like to participate, let Eric know.

Opening Question

What is something you keep—a picture, object, tradition, or something else—because it reminds you of an important person, experience, or moment in your life?

Joshua 4:1-9, 19-25

Leader's Note: Open with a brief prayer, asking God to make the group receptive to His Word. Then invite someone to read the passage aloud. (For longer sections, consider dividing the reading among several people.)

[1] When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, [2] "Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, [3] and command them, saying, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.'" [4] Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. [5] And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, [6] that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' [7] then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever."

[8] And the people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, just as the LORD told Joshua. And they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there. [9] And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.

[19] The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. [20] And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. [21] And he said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' [22] then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.' [23] For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, [24] so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

Setting the Stage

We are often quick to forget God's faithfulness, especially when the

pressures, distractions, or uncertainties of the present become louder than what He has done in the past. Joshua 4 reminds us that remembering is an important part of faith—helping us recognize God’s work in our own lives, remind one another of His goodness, and tell His story to those around us.

Discussion Questions

1. In Joshua 4:1–7, after God brings Israel safely through the Jordan River, He tells them to take twelve stones from the river and build a memorial so they will remember what He has done. When you look back on your own life, what helps you remember times when God has been faithful to you?

Potential Follow Up Question(s): What are some of the barriers that make it difficult to remember God’s faithfulness? What might help us push through those barriers?

2. In Joshua 4:4–7, the memorial stones are meant to cause future generations to ask, “What do those stones mean to you?” so that God’s people can tell the story of what He has done. Who has helped you know and remember God’s faithfulness by sharing their story with you, and what difference did it make?

Potential Follow Up Question(s): Who might benefit from hearing stories of God’s faithfulness in your life? What could it look like to make those stories a more natural part of your relationships?

3. In Joshua 4:8–9, the Israelites obey God by carrying the stones out of the Jordan and setting them up as a lasting reminder of His provision. What practices, rhythms, or reminders have helped you keep God’s faithfulness in view when life gets busy or difficult?

Potential Follow-Up Question(s): None.

4. In Joshua 4:19–23, Joshua connects what God has just done at the Jordan River with what He did at the Red Sea a generation earlier, reminding Israel that they are part of a much bigger story of God’s faithfulness. How has being part of a community of faith helped you see God’s faithfulness beyond your own experiences?

Potential Follow-Up Question(s): How can hearing the stories of those who have

gone before us strengthen our faith? What might we miss when we think about our relationship with God only as an individual experience?

5. In Joshua 4:24, Joshua says God acted so that “all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty” and so that His people would fear Him forever. How might remembering and sharing what God has done help the people around us see more clearly who He is?

Potential Follow-Up Question(s): Where has God placed you among people who may need to see or hear about His goodness? What might it look like to share His faithfulness in a way that feels natural and genuine?

Prayer

Leader’s Note: Wrap up your time by moving into prayer using ACTS—Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication—as a simple guide. Move naturally through each category, inviting group members to share requests as appropriate before you begin praying together, encouraging others to pray for them as they feel led, then close by thanking God for His Word and for your time together.

- **Adoration:** Praise God for who He is and what He has done, expressing your love, worship, and delight in Him.
- **Confession:** Honestly acknowledge the ways you have failed to trust God and His promises and to love Him and others as you should, receiving His forgiveness through Christ and asking for His grace to grow in faithful obedience.
- **Thanksgiving:** Thank God for His grace, His provision, His faithfulness, His answered prayers, and the blessings that are yours in Christ.
- **Supplication:** Ask God to work in your life, your family, your church, your neighbors, and throughout the world, praying that His kingdom would come and His will would be done.

Closing Prayer Prompt

God our Father, thank You for Your faithfulness to us, especially for Your grace toward us in Jesus. Help us remember what You have done, trust You with what is before us, and share Your goodness with the people You have placed around us. Amen.
