

LIFE GROUPS—“Memorial Stones” Week of May 24, 2026

Joshua 4:1-18

1. As Israel approached the Promised Land, the Lord directed that twelve men should carry one stone apiece out of the Jordan River and make a memorial on the west bank of the river. This place was where Israel camped the first night at Gilgal, near Jericho. Seeing the stone marker, what would they then remember?
2. What things in your life today remind you of God’s faithfulness?
3. What was to be the long-term effect of the memorial? vv. 6, 7
4. The Lord controlled every aspect of this event. How does God’s sovereign control encourage you in these challenging times?
5. Twelve stones were also set up in the midst of the Jordan where the priests were standing. (v. 9). This was a second memorial. Some commentators say that the stones *buried under the waters* of the Jordan after the priests marched to the west bank point to death and burial, *the old life*. The stones on the west bank point to new life, *resurrection life*. See Romans 6. Salvation is dying to the old life and living in the new life (II Cor. 5:17). Is this your experience? Is this cause for praising the Lord?