



SCRIPTURE

Joshua 3

OVERVIEW

The Children of Israel have reached the banks of the River Jordan and they are on the edge of the land that God has promised them. The river is in flood and is uncrossable.

God speaks to Joshua to prepare the people for the impossible – to cross the Jordan.

God centres his PRESENCE ahead of them so that they can clearly see him and that He will lead them.

The people PREPARE to look to God by consecrating themselves.

The POWER of God is displayed as the waters pile up and all the people cross.

DISCUSSION

1. Begin by entering into the presence of God. Perhaps sit in silent prayer/contemplation for 5 minutes and look up over the "crowd" and re-centre from the things of the day on to God. This could lead in to worship
2. Share anything from the contemplation
3. How easy or difficult do you find it to be attentive to God's presence, particularly in the day to day of work and home?
4. What does the Promised Land look like for you and what seems out of reach that you long to have/know? How could your small group help/support you to advance in crossing the river to these things?
5. What "rivers" are you facing in your life now? How can this chapter inspire you to handle them?
6. What things or habits could you introduce into your life as a form of consecration in preparation for God's intervention in your life?
7. Can you recall a situation in your life where you had to step out in faith, much like the Israelites crossing the Jordan?
8. Read Ephesians 1:15-22 and pray for each other, particularly to know the mighty power of God