

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** When the people of God courageously follow the plan of God, they begin to walk in the fullness of His promises. This truth is illustrated most powerfully in the book of Joshua, as this 'next-up' leader prepares God's people to step into and occupy the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering. Are you ready to step into your promised life? It's time to take new ground!

### Take New Ground:

- **Identify your next, right step.**
- **Prayerfully make a plan.**
- **Share that plan with others.**
- **Courageously move forward.**

### Three Ways to Get Your Feet Wet:

Joshua 3:1-17 (ESV)

- **Purify in order to Prepare**  
Is your life 'set apart' and ready to follow God?
- **Pursue His Presence**  
Are you sensitive to the Presence of God in your life?
- **Put your Plans in His Hands**  
What promise of God are you currently standing on?

Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) When it comes to *Taking New Ground* in your life, are you able to identify the area that God is calling you to take your next, right step? Explain.
- 3) Read Joshua 3:5. Is your life 'set apart' and ready to follow God? If not, what do you need to do to purify yourself in order to prepare?
- 4) How would you describe what it means to *Pursue God's Presence*? Are you sensitive to the Presence of God in your life? Share an example.
- 5) Read Hebrews 12:1-2. Do you have any plans that you need to put into (or back into) God's Hands? What promise of His are you currently standing on?