

## 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.**

Joshua 4:1- 7 (ESV) Joshua 5:1-2; 8-12; 13-15 (ESV) Deuteronomy 26:1-3; 10-11 (ESV)

As we prepare for the future, remember His faithfulness of the past.

God doesn't just want to set you free from your wandering.  
He wants to heal your wounding.

### First Fruits Offering:

- **Our Generous Response to God's Gracious Provision**
- **Full Participation**
- **One Time Gift**
- **Prayerful and Sacrificial**
- **Above (not in place of) your tithe**
- **From now through the summer**

As God miraculously provides all we need, may we live with a sense of Holy Awe.

## 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 4:1-7. Where has God shown His faithfulness in your past? What kind of *memorial stone monument* do you have in place to remember?
- 4) How has God not just saved you from your wandering, but also healed you from your wounding?
- 5) What is your experience with God when it comes to trusting Him with your finances? Has He ever graciously provided for you in ways that prompted generosity in you?