

Worship: Remember and Proclaim
Rightfully Appraising God's Worth and Value
Joshua 4:1-7,21-24

Introduction: Priming the pump for tonight's discussion.

- Let's begin with our own observations. Was there a moment where God spoke to you, showed you something new, or reminded you of a familiar truth through the message this week?

Exploration: Questions to guide our group discussion.

- Pastor JP defined worship as "Giving worth or value to someone or something."
 - Thinking about our own life, what are some things, people, or mindsets that we have inadvertently worshiped instead of God; therefore, making them idols?
 - Why do you think we often give value and worth to the wrong things?
- After the miracle at the Jordan River, the Israelites were instructed to gather twelve large stones as a memorial to what God had done there.
 - Why do you think the Lord instructed them to get the stones from a specific place (i.e. "from the midst of the Jordan") and not from just any random spot?
 - What are some of your own "altars" or "memorials" that help you remember God's faithfulness in your life?
- Pastor JP mentioned feasts that Israel were to keep throughout the year in order to remember God and His provision.
 - Do you think it's easy or difficult to remember God's provision in our own culture?
 - Why?
 - How can we arrange our own lives in such a way where God is consistently at the center of it?

- Finally, as Christians, the Bible has instructed us to meet regularly (preferably on Sundays to celebrate the resurrection).
 - How does worshiping on a Sunday morning with other believers differ from worshiping on a Tuesday afternoon on your drive home from work or a Wednesday morning while you're doing laundry or yard work?
 - How does Sunday morning worship help your spiritual formation (relationship with Christ)?

Additional Scriptures for Deeper Study:

- Isaiah 12
- Isaiah 63:7-14
- Psalm 32:1-7
- Colossians 3:16

Application: How can I apply this to my life this week?

1. Life is busy and our schedules can and will fill up fast. What are some practical steps we can each take this week to ensure we remember God and His good works in our lives?
1. Sunday mornings can be a busy time...especially if you serve on one of the ministry teams! But this upcoming Sunday, challenge yourself by asking the Lord to give you an opportunity to encourage someone by **proclaiming** God's faithfulness in your own life.
1. It may feel a bit awkward...but it won't be awkward for the person who really needed to be **reminded** of God's faithfulness.