

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
October 1, 2017



Extraordinary Life – Week #4

INTRO:

God calls us into the Extraordinary Life, but he also calls us to act in obedience. For the Israelites, it was getting circumcised after 40 years in the wilderness. For many Christians, it's getting baptized. What do you feel like God's calling you to do to "get right" with him as you step into the Extraordinary?

DIVE IN:

The Promised Land is not without it's challenges! Read together Joshua 5:2-15 and discuss the following questions...

1. What did you expect when you became a believer? How did life get better? How did your expectations and reality not mesh? What battles did you face as you step into the Promised Land?
2. Even as they stepped into the Promised Land, the Israelites still had to be obedient. They had to prepare themselves by submitting themselves to the act of circumcision(vs 2-7). What's God asking you to do as you prepare and cross over to the Extraordinary Life?
3. God calls for obedience – He also leaves margin for healing (vs 8-9). God doesn't call us to walk into the Extraordinary wounded, but fully healed. What baggage and wounds are you carrying that you need to let God heal as you step forward?
4. The manna went away. The Israelites had to begin finding their own food and feeding themselves once again. Sometimes there's comfort in the wilderness that are hard to give up. What comforts did you have in the wilderness that God's stripping away as He calls you forward?
5. We are called to be self-feeders – to engage spiritual growth and own our own spiritual nourishment. How are you feeding yourself? What does God's manna look like for you now?
6. The commander of the army of the Lord said that Joshua was standing on holy ground (vs 15). What made that ground holy? As you come up with the answer think about physical places you believe is holy ground? What are the places where you spend time with God in prayer, bible reading, or just meditating on Him? Share and tell why they are important to you...
7. When you think of the word "Holiness", what comes to mind before you heard Pastor Paul's message? For many, holiness can carry a negative connotation due to painful church experiences of the past. What is your experience and how do you personally define it?

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8. Holiness is a way of life that signifies you are set apart to God and you are different from the world. Describe your experience of how God set you apart personally? Describe how is your life different from the world?
9. What tangible steps do you need to take this week to step into obedience - Baptism, ELE, serving, finding healing/forgiveness, etc... - before you step into the promised land of the Extraordinary Life?
10. You're set apart – how do you live differently this week to live out the Holiness God has called you to as a follower of Jesus? Don't just go straight to behavior changes, but also process spiritually and emotionally...

NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?