



## *Ice Breaker* (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Share about a positive memory you have about a favorite teacher you had as a kid.

## *Talk About it!*

### QUESTION 1

#### **Joshua 4:1-7 New Living Translation**

1 When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, 2 “Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. 3 Tell them, ‘Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight.’”  
4 So Joshua called together the twelve men he had chosen—one from each of the tribes of Israel. 5 He told them, “Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. 6 We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 7 Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.”

#### **Discuss:**

How do you think Joshua and the Israelites may have felt about this idea of carrying stones from the Jordan? Why is it difficult to think about a ‘miracle memorial one day’ when you’re in the ‘middle of the mess’ this day?

### QUESTION 2

#### **Discuss:**

What is the value of having something like ‘stones of remembrance’ or personal ‘overview memorials’ of God’s goodness in your life?



## QUESTION 3

### Joshua 4:8-11 New Living Translation

*8 So the men did as Joshua had commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River, one for each tribe, just as the Lord had told Joshua. They carried them to the place where they camped for the night and constructed the memorial there.*

*9 Joshua also set up another pile of twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, at the place where the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant were standing. And they are there to this day.*

*10 The priests who were carrying the Ark stood in the middle of the river until all of the Lord's commands that Moses had given to Joshua were carried out. Meanwhile, the people hurried across the riverbed. 11 And when everyone was safely on the other side, the priests crossed over with the Ark of the Lord as the people watched.*

#### Discuss:

What are some of your personal 'Jordan river' moments that God has brought you over?

What is the impact of keeping what God has gotten you over in view?

## QUESTION 4

### Joshua 4:21-24 New Living Translation

*21 Then Joshua said to the Israelites, "In the future your children will ask, 'What do these stones mean?' 22 Then you can tell them, 'This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' 23 For the Lord your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over. 24 He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever."*

#### Discuss:

What is the greatest result of remembering what God has brought you through?

What is the purpose of a testimony?

## QUESTION 5

### Psalms 77:11-12 New Living Translation

*11 But then I recall all you have done, O Lord;*

*I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago.*

*12 They are constantly in my thoughts.*

*I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works.*

#### Discuss:

What is your practice of meditating on the miracles God has done in your life? Is there anything you'd like to start doing to remember or celebrate those moments more?