

Sermon Based Discussion Questions

From There to Here

Joshua 4

February 17, 2019

1. Memorials are a part of our culture, just go to Washington D.C., or where the Twin Towers came down, or even cemetery headstones, etc. Do you have a favorite memorial you like? Explain why
2. Jeremy suggested that, like Israel set up two piles of stones as memorials of God's good works in their lives (Joshua 4:8-9), we too ought to set up memorials for the same reason. Brainstorm together on what types of things we could do to always remember how God brought us from there to here.
 - a. Share ways that you have seen God bring you from "there" to "here."
3. Jeremy quickly went through three things we can do to make sure we can see God's hand working in our lives (they weren't in the outline). They were (1) keep God before us (Joshua 4:10-11), (2) obey the Lord (Joshua 4:12-13; John 14:21, 23), and (3) seek godly guidance (spiritual leaders to follow, Joshua 4:14-17).
 - a. How can we keep God ever before us? What does that look like?
 - b. How can we know we are obeying the Lord and not getting off track (or drifting away—cf. Hebrews 2:1)?
 - c. What criteria do we use to ensure that we are getting solid godly guidance?
4. To gain courage, the second point on the outline was to remember God's salvation. How often do you recall that Jesus died for your sins and has given you the gift of eternal life with Him? How does that fact give you courage?
5. In Joshua 4:20-23, the Israelites were to recall how God had been faithful to them. Jeremy shared the family Bible that was his great, great, great grandparent's Bible. It revealed the Christian heritage he came from. Do you know anything about your Christian heritage (of if there was any Christian heritage in your ancestry)? Share your story.
 - a. If you have a Christian heritage, how does God's faithfulness through the generations spur you on to be courageous for Him?
 - b. If you do not have a Christian heritage, or at least you don't know of any, how might that spur you on to be courageous for the Lord?
6. Remember the two reasons why we are to keep remembering how God has been so good and so faithful (Joshua 4:24)?
 - a. When would you say are the easiest times to testify to the world of God's goodness? When are the hardest?
 - b. What are some ways we can use our stories of how God has brought us from there to here to encourage each other?