

Sermon Discussion Questions

Facing a Barrier

Joshua 3

February 3, 2019

1. Looking back, what barriers have you experienced in your life (or maybe are experiencing now)?
2. Over and over again the Bible tells us to wait on the Lord (cf. Psalm 27:14; 37:7-9; 147:11; Prov. 20:22; Isaiah 40:31; 1 Corinthians 4:5; James 5:7-8; Jude 1:20-21...). What makes waiting hard? How do we know when we don't have to keep "waiting," but now we can start "doing"?
3. Joshua told the Israelites to "consecrate" themselves (Joshua 3:5). In what ways do you set yourself apart for God's holy purpose (try not to be too cliché with the standard Sunday School answers—pray, read my Bible, etc., what other ways beyond that)?
 - a. The second half of Joshua 3:5, Joshua said they were going to see God's wonder. How have you seen God work in your life in a wonderful way as you have decided to follow Him?
 - b. Give yourself a grade (A-F) on how much you pursue having your life be one that is unexplainable apart from God? Explain.
4. Starting in Joshua 3:6 and going through 3:13 Jeremy spoke on how Joshua was being promoted by God to be a leader. Following leaders isn't always easy. What makes following leaders hard and what makes following leaders easy?
 - a. Read Hebrews 13:7, 17 – how is this easy as well as hard?
 - b. Jeremy made two points about the kind of leaders we should follow when we think about God giving them to us to give us wisdom to navigate barriers in life. How can you be sure that the leaders you listen to actually fit this bill?
 - c. How can we be sure we are not giving up too much to any leader (like some cult leaders seem to have too much power over people)?
5. The Israelites stepped out in faith, following the Lord as represented by the ark of the covenant going before them (Joshua 3:14). What faith step is God calling us to step out in? How do you know you've gone through the steps leading up to this step of faith (check your outline for what those steps are)?
6. How have you watched the Lord in wonder? What great things has He shown Himself to be mighty in your life?