

12 Stones

Joshua 3-4

The Story:

Crossing the Jordan

- Massive River. 3 Days. Follow the Arc

Whole Nation is moving [people. animals. stuff]

- When God tells you to go, you go! And let him figure out the impossible.
- *"We must never give up on what we do know because of what we don't know."*

Follow the Priest [and the arc]

- Joshua tells the people what will happen. "You will know this is from God"
- The Priests get to the banks of the river... and it is still flowing... Then they take their 1st step of Faith
 - *"How often do we turn back too early? We think that God hasn't done what we thought he was going to do... and we don't take the final step of faith?"*
 - *It is always the final 5% that is the most difficult.*
 - *It is the final 5% that separates faith from faith*
- The waters heap up and all of Israel passes on Dry Ground

12 Tribes and 12 Stones

- From the mist of the Jordan [where the priests feet were]

This is a sign

- When your children ask what that are for... Tell them about God's faithfulness
- We passed over on dry ground just like at the Red Sea [Beginning/End]
- So That people will know 1. that God is mighty 2. Fear the Lord

[These stones are a memorial... to look back to what God has done and to look forward to How we should live]

What are your 12 Stones?

Memorials are to keep us from forgetting

- 12 stones are there to make sure God continues to receive the Glory

Remember what God has done

- *"Don't let life get so busy that you lose sight of what God has done to get you to this point."*

Where are your 12 Stones?

- They are there for us & for the next generation
- Tell the stories of God's mighty hand. Teach them to fear the Lord
- Place them somewhere you will see often [for everyone's sake]

Small Group Questions

What is your favorite picture that you have on display in your house/job/phone?

- How often do you go through old pictures and remember?

How have you seen the last part of a faith journey you are on be the most difficult?

- When you are in the moment, how do you get past these difficult parts?
- How do you know that you are towards the end? (The final 5%)

What are some miracles that God has done in your family?

- How do you go about remembering these regularly?
- Do you have any "*stones*" displayed? What are some "*stones*" that you need to display?

Read Joshua 4.19-24. We see Joshua telling the Israelites to rehearse their story. How do you rehearse your story and how do you help the people around you with sharing their story?