

SERMON NOTES: October 5, 2025

How to cross a river?

Joshua 3

I. Let HIS PRESENCE move you - 3:1-6

II. Let HIS PRESENCE remind you - 3:7-13

Now the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you."

Joshua 3:7

III. Let HIS PRESENCE amaze you - 3:14-18

"and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest), the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho.

Joshua 3:16-17

Life Group Study Questions

How to cross a river?

Joshua 3

1. Did you ever play the game 'Simon Says?' How does that game help illustrate our need to be focused upon God's presence when facing obstacles?

2. God instructs the Israelites to *move when He moves, not to crowd Him* and *be careful to remember who they're with* when obeying. Which of these instructions caught your attention and why (3:1-6)?

3. This process of being attentive to God's leading, humbly consecrating ourselves and being mindful of His holiness is all in preparation of "taking up the ark" (being in agreement with God's leading and ready to follow Him). How does avoiding this process keep us from moving forward in the Christian life?

4. Joshua 3:7-8 flashes back to an early moment when God reveals what the crossing of the Jordan was really about . . . elevating Joshua as the leader of Israel. How does this effect your understanding of how committed God is to His plans for your life?

5. Joshua is commanded to bring the people to the edge of the river and then to wait (3:8) and see what God will do? Are you doing this in your life? Are you bringing your family, coworkers, friends, etc. to a place of seeing God work?

6. Joshua reminds the people that "the LORD of all the earth" is going before them. How is God the ultimate "lead blocker" of our lives? In what way has he cleared the way for you?

7. God's wants to display His glory! How did his stopping of the Jordan river do this? He often places His children in the middle of overwhelming and impossible to do this. How has this been true in your life?

8. God's power is immediate and immense. Why should this comfort us and encourage us to face obstacles?

9. What obstacles are you facing today and what actions steps do you need to take after studying this passage?