

SERMON NOTES: October 12th, 2025

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Joshua 4 - 5:12

I. Make memorials to REMIND you! 4:1-24

II. Make memorials to DEFINE you! 5:1-9

Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, “what do these stones mean to you?” Then you shall say to them, ‘Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.’ So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever.”

4:6-7

III. Make memorials to REFINE you! 5:10-12

While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal they observed the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month on the desert plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.

5:10-11

Life Group Study Questions

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1. What monuments or memorials have you visited in your lifetime. Which one had the biggest impact on you? Why?

2. Have you noticed that your children tend to memorialize what you memorialize? Give an illustration of this.

3. It is our job as parents to "connect the dots" between our memorials and our children's understanding of God. How does Joshua 4:23 show us how to do this?

4. The stones set up at Gilgal were "out of place stones." How did these stones help strengthen the faith and trust of Israel as they faced the unknown of the promise land?

5. Joshua has the Israelites circumcised before they begin the conquest of the Land. Why was circumcision so important?

6. Water baptism in the New Testament equivalent of circumcision, it marks us out as belonging to Christ. Why is the establishment of our identity so important to success in the Christian life?

7. God uses memorials to remind, define, and REFINE us. How does the memorial of the Lord's Supper cause us to pause and re-evaluate?

8. Do you have any memorails of God's faithfulness that you are sharing with your kids, co-workers, friends,etc.? Do you see how the presence or lack of memorials is impacting your witness as a follower of Christ?

9. A great way to begin the process of memorials is to start a prayer journal. Record what you have asked of the Lord and then faithfully record His answers. The smallest answer is worth celebrating and shouts, "The LORD Your God did this!"