

“Remembering Your Jordan”

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Joshua 4

1. Pastor Tom mentioned that there are events in our lives that should always be remembered. What past events in your life have truly shaped you as a Christian? Take some time to reflect and discuss with your group.
2. Pastor Tom mentioned that when God defeats Baal by stopping the flow of the Jordan, he proves that Yahweh is “Lord of all the earth.” This is a similar theme in many of the Psalms (See Psalm 47:2; 83:18; 97:9). If God is the great King over all the earth, what does that say about the hardships and difficulties we face?
3. Read Joshua 4:1-7. What was the nation of Israel to do once they had crossed the Jordan? What was the purpose of this? Do you have any specific “faith stories” that you can pass down to your family or younger Christians within the Church? Why do you think its valuable to share these memories of God’s faithfulness with others?
4. Pastor Tom listed 3 specific purposes for Israel building the memorial stones at the Jordan and the memorial stones in our lives. They are as follows:
 1. Memorials remind us of God’s past faithfulness, which will strengthen our faith for the future.
 2. Memorial stones inform the children and those who come after us.
 3. Memorial stones serve as a sign to the world that God is the Lord of all the Earth.

Think about God’s past faithfulness in your life. How do you see God’s past faithfulness fulfilled in each of the above reasons?

5. Take time to pray with your group. Take a moment to praise God and celebrate his past faithfulness in your life. Ask him to encourage and strengthen you for your current assignment.