



## Discussion Questions for Sermon Based Home Fellowships

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Series: Joshua: Finding Courage through the Challenges of Life

Title: Pile of water, pile of lessons

Scripture: Joshua 3-4

**Big Idea:** When you step with God through the impossible, his power and presence are displayed inspiring others to revere him

### Opening Sharing

Much has been said lately about the dangers of floods. Tell the group about a time when you were close to waters at flood stage. How did you feel at the time?

### Discussion Questions

Compare the crossing of the Red Sea, Ex. 14:21-23, to the crossing of the Jordan River, Josh. 3:14-17. What is common and what is different?

According to Joshua 4:10, the 12, priests holding the ark were the first to enter the river and the last to leave. Imagine that you are one of the twelve. What are you thinking?

“One of the keys to finding courage through the challenges of life is to keep your eye on God and when he moves, you move...when he stops you stop.” Describe a time in your life when you knew God was telling you to “move”, to step out in faith, or to “stop.”

List some promises that assure us that God will lead us, that He is with us, that He is our strength, and that He will be victorious. Discuss the ones you have relied on.

Two sets of 12 stones were used to establish two memorials, one on the west bank of the river and one in the middle of the river. Why two?

According to Josh. 4:20-24, the memorial on the west bank was to be a constant reminder. Do you have traditions, special dates, special places, etc. to help your children learn about God's work in your life?

What is the benefit of retelling your stories of God's work in your life?

- ✚ The benefit to your children? Are you keeping a diary of events that you can pass on to your children and grandchildren of God's provision in your life?

- ✚ Tthe benefit to you?