



JOSHUA CHAPTER 4 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- ☐ What is one thing that you have in your house or office that helps you to remember something great that happened to you?

- **Opening Prayer**

- Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Read the Story (Joshua 4:1-24)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Joshua 4:1-9

- ☐ When we as human beings overcome a significant obstacle, how do we usually respond?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- ☐ The Israelites had finally entered the Promised Land and it was certainly going to be a place of immense and rich blessings. But it was also going to be a place where God grew the Israelites faith and trust through difficult circumstances.

- Why do you think God growing our faith is frequently uncomfortable for us?
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- Notice that before God calls Israel to do anything in the Promised Land, He first calls them to celebrate and remember what they have witnessed and what He's doing for them.
 - When are you most prone to forget to celebrate and remember the things that God has done for you? How can you be more intentional in daily remembering all the ways in which God has provided for you?
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- What is significant about Joshua also setting up memorial stones in the midst of the Jordan, especially knowing that the waters of the Jordan were going to flow right back over the memorial?
 - Joshua understood that there were going to be seasons of drought in the Promised Land and during these seasons, this memorial would be visible to the Israelites (because of the lack of water flow in the Jordan) to remind them of God's goodness and God coming through for them.
 - When you are going through rough seasons and seasons of drought, how can you more fully pay attention to how God has already shown up for you?
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- In what ways is your life a "memorial stone" for others to see the goodness and graciousness of God?
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Joshua 4:10-18

- Notice that the presence of the priests standing in the midst of the Jordan had to remain until all Israel crossed the Jordan. Why is this significant?

- The presence of the priests signified God's abiding presence with the Israelites and that presence of God was needed every step that the Israelites took and the presence of the priests until everything was finished was a reminder of this.
- In what ways are you relying on your power and presence over and above the Lord's?
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Joshua 4:19-24

- How were the memorial stones supposed to help the Israelites and the world around them?
- For Israel, the stones weren't just intended to help them remember and celebrate. They were also intended to be incentive and fuel to continue to trust God to do even better and more amazing things than He already had. The world around the Israelites were supposed to see the incredible work of God being done through the Israelites.
- How is your faith at times get stagnant because you're more focused on what God did rather than what He will do?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

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