Bible Reading September 24, 2025
Joshua 3: Crossing the Jordan Pastor Mike

Getting started: Does God ever ask His people to take big steps for which they feel unprepared? Has it ever happened in your life?

Read vv. 1-8 Getting Ready

1. Where did Joshua have the people move to get them ready? How long did the people have to wait before it was time for action? (vv. 1-2). What might this waiting tell us about the ways of God?

2. What instruction was given to the people regarding when to move out? How much distance was to be maintained between the people and the ark? Why would following this instruction be paramount to their success? (vv. 3-4)

3. What were the people asked to do to get ready for river crossing? What reason did Joshua give them? (v. 5) How important is cleanliness to seeing God work? (Heb. 12:14)

4. What promise did God make to Joshua before crossing the river? What was the intent of God's words to Joshua: "I will be with you as I was with Moses"? (v. 7)

5. What job was assigned to the priests? Why do you believe the priests were asked to stand still in the Jordan? (v. 6, 8)

Read vv. 9-17 Moving Out

6. Name a lesson the Israelites were supposed to learn from their miraculous crossing of the river. (v. 10) Any other lessons?

7. What phrase keeps recurring throughout the passage? What point is God trying to make to Joshua, to Israel?

8. For what purpose did Joshua single out twelve men, one from each tribe? (vv. 12; 4:2-3) What benefit would their job be to the newly-forming nation?

9. What happened the moment the priests stepped into the water? (vv. 13-17) If God has the power to stop the waters (or disease or war, etc), why does He ask people to get involved? (1 Cor. 3:9a)

10. Compare and contrast the Jordan Crossing with the Red Sea crossing (Ex. 14:13-22)
    Jordan *Red Sea*