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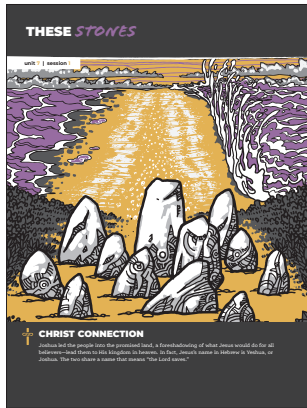
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# INTRO

The opening page of each session contains the focal passages of Scripture for that lesson. Take a moment to read through these passages, as well as the surrounded passages, before your group discussion begins.



**REMEMBER** GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

This week, we're covering the passage and most of the content on this list.

**Remembering God's Faithfulness helps us remain faithful.**

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**MAIN POINT.**

Remembering God's Faithfulness helps us remain faithful.

**DISCUSSION**

**GOD IS WITH US WHEN HE CALLS US**  
JOB 13:15-17

Read verses 15. When did the waters begin to recede?  
What can we learn from this?

16 What does it mean that God is omnipotent? How does this passage reflect that truth?

17 What does this passage help us understand about God's presence and about meeting ahead of him?

**SPIRITUAL MIILESTONES HELP US REMEMBER GOD'S FAITHFULNESS**  
JOB 13:15-17

- How does Job's trusting that people into the promised land help us understand God's faithfulness?
- How could the stone serve as a reminder of both God's faithfulness and Israel's disobedience? Why would remembering this be important too?

**CULTURAL CONNECTION**

Remembering is a good thing—except when it's not. We're encouraged to look back and remember God's faithfulness, but what if we do when we look back and all we see are our mistakes and our sin? Then, remembering feels painful. Isn't that what we do when we're already confessing it? How, then, can we remember God's faithfulness? We do so by looking at the world around us, seeing the evidence of his faithfulness. It's not just about remembering the past, but about seeing the present and future. The problem with us is that there may still be things, consequences—remember after God begins to do it. We can't see the work of God's faithfulness in a moment. It's not just about remembering the past, but about seeing the present and future. The problem with us is that there may still be things, consequences—remember after God begins to do it. We can't see the work of God's faithfulness in a moment. It's not just about remembering the past, but about seeing the present and future. The problem with us is that there may still be things, consequences—remember after God begins to do it. We can't see the work of God's faithfulness in a moment. It's not just about remembering the past, but about seeing the present and future.

# DISCUSSION

Intended for group and personal use, this section contains the main point of the session, questions to interact with as a group, and the key components found in the Leader Guide—Christ Connection, Theology Connection, and Cultural Connection.



The **Christ Connection** specifically points out how the Scripture passage for that session points to Jesus, connecting the dots and helping you understand how the books of the Bible fit together.



The **Theology Connection** contains an important biblical doctrine for each lesson. Each of these doctrines directly relates to the Bible study material. Knowing these doctrines will help you be more grounded in what Christianity teaches and celebrates and better equipped to explain to others what you actually believe.



The **Head/Heart/Hands** questions are designed to show how God's story connects with our own. We'll see how Scripture challenges the ways we think, feel, and live. While this certainly happens on an individual level, we do want to stress to you that this calling and mission to live differently is something all Christians share and pursue.

# DAILY DEVOTIONS

In addition to the group portions of this study, the **Daily Discipleship Guide** also includes five days of devotions following each session. As we journey through the storyline of Scripture over the course of three years, we won't have time to cover some sections of the Bible. These devotions will help with that, filling in the gaps in the biblical storyline and allowing more opportunities to cover biblical themes and insights not discussed during group time. These devotions help you know how to read and interpret the Bible for yourself. Symbols for the Seven Arrows reading method are provided at the beginning of each week's devotions as a reminder of common questions to ask about Scripture as you read each day. The devotion pages are perforated so that you can take them home with you.

# SEVEN ARROWS

OF BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAY ONE  
DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8

Have you ever had to follow someone else who did something really weird? Maybe you have an older sibling who made all As. Maybe you are filling a position on your team left by someone who was incredible. When we come behind someone else like that, we can sometimes feel like we're living in that person's shadow. It can feel like everyone is comparing us to him or her.

Can you imagine following Joshua like that? He was the greatest general Israel had ever known. He led the people out of slavery and through the wilderness, he personally met with God, and God confirmed him as Israel's God (31:1-11). But Moses wouldn't lead the people into the promised land, Joshua would. It would be understandable if Joshua felt overshadowed by this man. He had everything big about him. Joshua wouldn't do the task alone, though. Then Moses assured Joshua that God would go before him, and God would ultimately secure victory over Canaan's tribes and prepare the way for Israel to enter.

Sometimes it may feel as if you're working alone. It may feel as if you're stepping into someone else's shoes that simply feel too big. It may feel like the task before you is too big for you. But let's be honest, it likely is too big. Facing those types of situations is where we learn to rely on God for strength. It's where we learn that we aren't enough on our own and that we need that Lord. So how are we to remain humble instead of becoming arrogant, if you really look at this passage, God is doing the work; he is the one lifting the weight. And he does the same thing in our lives.

**WHEN HAVE YOU FELT LIKE YOU WERE IN OVER YOUR HEAD CONCERNING SOMETHING YOU HAD TO DO?**

**WHY DO YOU THINK GOD ALLOWS US TO FACE SITUATIONS THAT FEEL IMPOSSIBLE OR INTIMIDATING?**

**PRAY**  
GOD, THANK YOU FOR GOING BEFORE ME. THANK YOU FOR BEING THE ONE WHO IS GREATER WITHIN ME AND FOR HELPING ME DO WHAT I CAN'T DO ON MY OWN.

**OUT ACTION STEPS**

**PRAY**  
GOD, I WANT TO LIVE OUT MY FAITH IN A REAL WAY. I WANT MY WORDS TO MATCH MY ACTIONS. HELP ME TO STEP OUT AND LIVE AUTHENTICALLY.

DAY THREE  
PSALM 139:7-12

It may feel as if avoid being caught right from when we might be alone in a physical sense, we have all sorts of things to help us not feel so alone—our phones, social media, television, video games, and so on. As far as our mind being to avoid feeling alone because, if we're honest, being alone feels uncomfortable. When we're really alone, our thoughts can wander into worry, anxiety, and sadness. So we cope by staying busy and distracting ourselves.

Psalm 139 gets right to the issue, we're never alone. There is no doubt we can go that God's presence isn't already there, and we can't hide from Him. God is omnipresent, meaning He is everywhere all the time, and this can speak a huge revelation from our fear or comfort. If we're living in disobedience, then knowing we can't hide from God may cause us to fear. We must just live the same and try to hide from the Lord because of our shame. Just as God knew where they were hiding, He also knows where we hide. Here's the truth, God's presence is our good (Ps. 139:1). Knowing we're never alone because we have the God of all creation with us at all times should bring us comfort. It can comfort us when we're up, but it can also comfort us when we feel lonely when friends or family aren't there for us or when it feels like no one is walking with us. God is always there. He doesn't turn away from us when we disobey Him. He stays faithfully with us everywhere we go.

**IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU TRY TO AVOID BEING ALONE? WHY?**

**DOES KNOWING GOD'S PRESENCE IS EVERYWHERE BRING YOU FEAR OR COMFORT? EXPLAIN.**

**PRAY**  
GOD, THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US. EVEN WHEN I DON'T KNOW YOU'RE WITH ME, WHEN I'M ALONE, I KNOW I'M NEVER REALLY ALONE. THANK YOU FOR BEING FAITHFUL TO NEVER LEAVE.

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# LAND AND LOSS

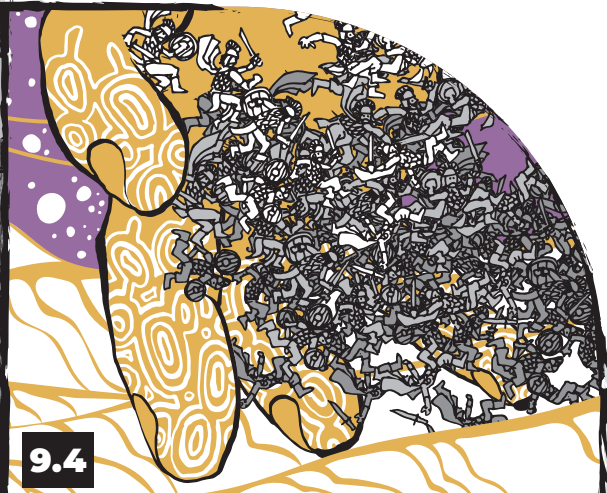




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**8.1**



**9.4**



**8.4**



**7.3**

**9.3**



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# THESE STONES

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## CHRIST CONNECTION

Joshua led the people into the promised land, a foreshadowing of what Jesus would do for all believers—lead them to His kingdom in heaven. In fact, Jesus’s name in Hebrew is Yeshua, or Joshua. The two share a name that means “the Lord saves.”

## REMEMBER

# GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

This week, we're covering the passages and main points below. But we encourage you to dig in and read all of the content on this timeline.

Joshua 1—Joshua 4

## GOD IS WITH US WHEN HE CALLS US

### JOSHUA 3:12-17

12 Now choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe. 13 When the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of the whole earth, come to rest in the Jordan's water, its water will be cut off. The water flowing downstream will stand up in a mass." 14 When the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carried the ark of the covenant ahead of the people. 15 Now the Jordan overflows its banks throughout the harvest season. But as soon as the priests carrying the ark reached the Jordan, their feet touched the water at its edge 16 and the water flowing downstream stood still, rising up in a mass that extended as far as Adam, a city next to Zarethan. The water flowing downstream into the Sea of the Arabah—the Dead Sea—was completely cut off, and the people crossed opposite Jericho. 17 The priests carrying the ark of the LORD's covenant stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel crossed on dry ground until the entire nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

## SPIRITUAL MILESTONES HELP US REMEMBER GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

### JOSHUA 4:1-7

1 When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, 2 "Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, 3 and command them, saying, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.'" 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. 5 And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, 6 that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' 7 then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever."

## MAIN POINT.

Remembering God's faithfulness helps us remain faithful.



## THEOLOGY CONNECTION



### GOD IS OMNIPRESENT

God's omnipresence refers to His presence in all time and all places simultaneously. Because God exists apart from and outside of time and space, He is not limited by their constraints (1 Kings 8:27; Acts 17:24). He is present with us wherever we are and sees all that occurs; nothing escapes His attention (Ps. 33:14; 139:7-10; Isa. 57:15; Jer. 23:23-24; Matt. 18:20). God's omnipresence is a deterrent for sin, and a source of great comfort and hope for believers.

# DISCUSSION



## GOD IS WITH US WHEN HE CALLS US

JOSHUA 3:12-17

- Read verse 15. When did the waters begin to respond? What can we learn from this?
-  • What does it mean that God is omnipresent? How does this passage reflect that truth?
-  • What does this passage help us understand about God's presence and about moving ahead of Him?

## SPIRITUAL MILESTONES HELP US REMEMBER GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

JOSHUA 4:1-7

-  • How does Joshua's leading the people into the promised land hint at what Jesus does for us?
-  • According to verses 6-7, what should be part of our motivation to remember God's faithfulness?
- How could the stones serve as reminders of both God's faithfulness and Israel's disobedience? Why would remembering this be important too?



WHAT SPIRITUAL "STONES" CAN YOU USE TO REMEMBER GOD'S FAITHFULNESS?

## CULTURAL CONNECTION

Remembering is a good thing—except when it's not. We're encouraged to look back and remember God's faithfulness, but what do we do when we look back and all we see are our mistakes and our sin? Then, remembering feels painful. Here's the deal with past sin that you've already confessed: it's done. Scripture makes it clear that God removes our sin "as far as the east is from the west" (Ps. 103:12), meaning He removes it completely. If we've repented of those sins, then God doesn't want us to dwell on them. The problem with sin is that there may still be lasting consequences—even after God forgives us. But we never have to wonder if God has forgiven us. If you've confessed your sin and repented, or turned away from sin and turned toward God, then you can walk in forgiveness and freedom. You can look back and see God's faithfulness to forgive you, even when looking back hurts.



## DAY ONE

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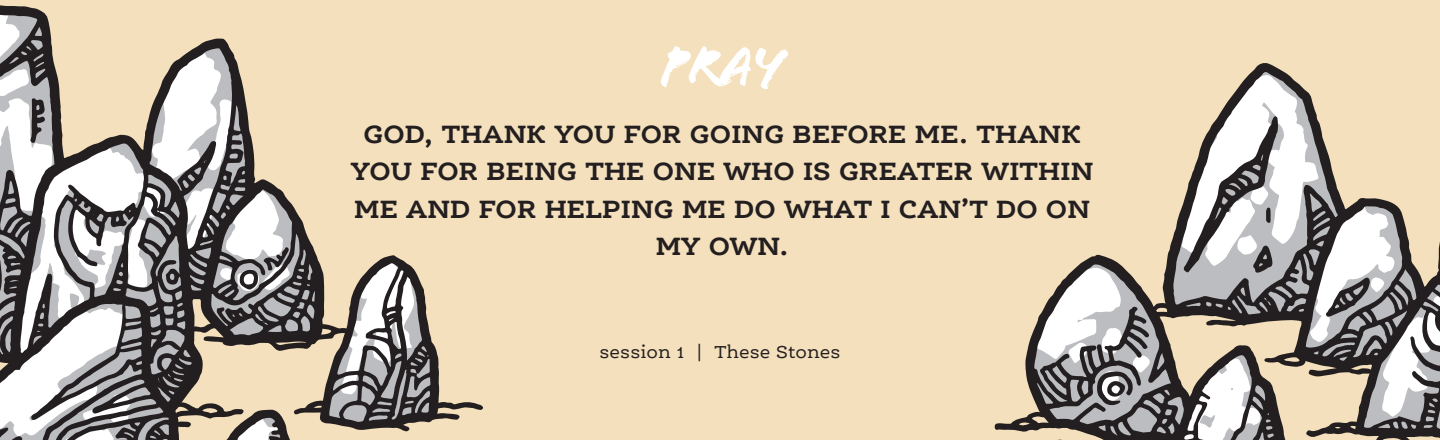
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PRAY

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## DAY TWO

# JAMES 2:14-26

It's easy to claim one thing but do something else. We live in a culture where it's easy to claim certain things on our social media accounts yet do something completely different in real life. We can share our highlights, but our real lives may look way different.

This week, we read about God performing a miracle at the Jordan River. We discussed how the waters didn't stop flowing until the priests obeyed and stepped into the river. It took action on their part; it took faith. Imagine if they had just remained on the shore simply proclaiming faith yet never taking actual steps of faith. The waters could've continue flowing, preventing Israel from entering Canaan. Their actions had to accompany their faith.

James wrote about the same concept. We can say we have faith. We can say all the right words. We can even tell others about our faith. But if we don't match our faith with actions, if we don't actually live out our faith, then our faith is "dead." Faith that is alive is met with action, or works. As believers, we're called to walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7). We're called to live out what we read in God's Word. And like the priests at the Jordan River, our faith will call us into the waters sometimes. Our faith will beckon us to take steps. We can take every step God calls us to take because we know He is faithful and has already gone ahead of us.

- **WHY DO YOU THINK JAMES DESCRIBES FAITH WITHOUT ACTION AS "DEAD?"**
- **IN WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU NEED TO TAKE STEPS OF AUTHENTIC FAITH INSTEAD OF SIMPLY HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF FAITH?**

## PRAY

**GOD, I WANT TO LIVE OUT MY FAITH IN A REAL WAY.  
I WANT MY WORDS TO MATCH MY ACTIONS. HELP ME  
TO STEP OUT AND LIVE AUTHENTICALLY.**



## DAY THREE

# PSALM 139:7-12

It's easy for us to avoid being alone right? Even when we might be alone in a physical sense, we have all sorts of things to help us not feel so alone—our phones, social media, television, video games, and so on. A lot of us use these things to avoid feeling alone because, if we're honest, being alone feels uncomfortable. When we're really alone, our thoughts can wander into worry, anxiety, and sadness. So we cope by staying busy and distracting ourselves.

Psalms 139 gets right to the issue: we're never alone. There is nowhere we can go that God's presence isn't already there, and we can't hide from Him. God is omnipresent, meaning He is everywhere at all times. And this can spark a few reactions from us: fear or comfort. If we're living in disobedience, then knowing we can't hide from God may cause us to fear. We react just like Adam and Eve and try to hide from the Lord because of our shame. Just as God knew where they were hiding, He also knows where we hide. Here's the truth: God's presence is our good (Ps. 73:28). Knowing we're never alone because we have the God of all creation with us at all times should bring us comfort. It can comfort us when we mess up, but it can also comfort us when we feel lonely—when friends or family aren't there for us or when it feels like no one is walking with us. God is always there. He doesn't turn away from us when we disobey Him but walks faithfully with us everywhere we go.

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## DAY FOUR

# DEUTERONOMY 11:18-21

Do you have a good memory? What is one of your earliest memories? Some of us can recall events from a really young age, while others of us struggle to remember what happened yesterday! Remembering isn't always easy.

This week, we read about the Israelites crossing the Jordan River into the promised land—an event that was years in the making! God commanded them to take large stones from the river to set up as a type of marker, or memorial, on the bank. One day, people would ask about the stones, and God's people could tell the story of His faithfulness and goodness. Similarly, we need markers for the events in our lives, but we also need them for remembering God's Word. Do you struggle to remember Scripture? You're not alone. Memorizing Scripture is an important biblical discipline, but it's one many of us find incredibly difficult. Before ever crossing into Canaan, Moses instructed Israel to do whatever it took to remember the words of God. He even said to imprint them on their minds and hearts. Then, future generations would know truth too. Like the Israelites, we have to imprint God's Word in our hearts and minds. We do this by consistently immersing ourselves in it. We can't simply visit it every now and then, but rather, we must treat it as our daily bread. We must put it before ourselves as often as possible. When we do this, we're doing our part to remember truth and to pass it down to those who will come behind us.

- **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ACTIVELY AND CONSISTENTLY PUT GOD'S WORD BEFORE YOU?**
- **WHY IS CONSISTENCY IMPORTANT WHEN IT COMES TO IMPRINTING GOD'S WORD ON OUR HEARTS AND MINDS?**

## PRAY

**GOD, HELP ME TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING THE DISCIPLINE OF REMEMBERING. HELP ME TO CONSISTENTLY PUT YOUR WORD BEFORE ME AND TREAT IT AS MY DAILY BREAD.**



DAY FIVE

## JOSHUA 2

We often have an idea in our heads about the types of people God wants to use. It's usually the people who have it all together; those who are bold; or those who don't have a shameful past. But we often get this wrong, and our minds try to limit the power of God to work in people to change them and use them for His glory.

Rahab was anything but righteous according to religious standards. She likely wouldn't have been many people's first choice to act on behalf of the Israelites. She was a prostitute, either by force or by choice, and many people would've looked the other way for someone else. But Rahab had faith. She had heard about and believed in the power of Yahweh. She didn't wait to get her life together; she made a decision to act on that faith. And guess what? God used her to help Israel, and He blessed her by saving her family from destruction. We even learn later that Rahab was part of Jesus's family lineage (Matt. 1:5)!

In a sense, Rahab represents us all: outcasts, Gentiles, unbelievers, sinners with a past. Many of us wrestle with our past and feel covered in shame. But when God calls us to salvation, we're freed from it. Our old labels fall off, and we're clothed in Christ's righteousness. We're brought into His family and given a new name as sons and daughters of God. None of us are outside of God's reach. When we walk toward the Lord in faith, He meets us. And He uses us despite our past because we're made new and righteous through the blood of Jesus. Praise God!

- **WHAT LIMITS HAVE YOU PLACED ON THE TYPES OF PEOPLE GOD WANTS TO USE—MAYBE EVEN ON YOURSELF?**
- **HOW DOES THIS REVEAL A LACK OF BELIEF IN GOD'S POWER?**

PRAY

**GOD, THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING ME INTO YOUR FAMILY. THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING IMPERFECT PEOPLE TO BECOME YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS THROUGH THE DEATH OF YOUR SON.**