

JESUS IS // WEEK 2 DISCUSSION GUIDE

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SERIES OVERVIEW

Throughout history, people have had a lot to say about who Jesus is. We are going to discover for ourselves the person and purpose of Jesus.

BIG IDEA

“1,000 Yards Ahead” - As God led the Israelites through the Jordan, His presence, represented by the Ark of the Covenant a thousand yards ahead, remained close enough for them to know He was with them but distant enough to grow their faith.

ICEBREAKER/CHECK-IN QUESTION

- If you could only listen to one song for the rest of your life, what would it be?

DISCUSS

- Share one or two thoughts that stuck out to you from this week’s message.
- Have you ever found yourself trying to “take new ground” in your own life, but you weren’t allowing God to be the one leading you there?

READ JOSHUA 3:1-8

- The Israelites were instructed to follow the Ark of the Covenant, which represented the presence of God, as they crossed the Jordan River. How can we follow the presence of God in our own lives as new, or “seasoned”, believers? What practices or habits can help us stay connected to God's presence?
- In Joshua 3:4, Joshua tells the people, "you have not passed this way before." We, too, are on a journey we have never taken before. What can we learn from the Israelites' experience of crossing the Jordan River about trusting in God's guidance and provision? How can we trust God to lead us on our own journey of faith?
- What does it mean to "consecrate yourselves" before the Lord as the Israelites did in Joshua 3:5? How can we apply this concept of consecration to our lives as new believers?

READ JOSHUA 3:9-17

- The priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of the Israelites and stood in the Jordan River until all the people had crossed over on dry ground. What does this show us about the importance of leadership in our lives? How can godly leaders and participating in biblical community help us navigate our journey of faith?

PRAY

God, thank you that your presence dwells within us. We’re grateful that it leads us even when we don’t know where we’re going. I pray that your Holy Spirit would guide each and every one of us as we seek to take new ground for your glory! Amen.