



Winning

Part 3 – Get Ready to Enter

Discussion Guide

After 40 years of wandering, Joshua finally gets to bring the children of Israel into the Promised Land. However, before entering, Joshua must ensure his heart and mind are properly focused. God asked the same consecration of the entire nation. Before we can overcome our battles and experience our greatest victories, we must make sure we are prepared to enter a new chapter!

Jump Start

Leader: This section is designed to get discussions started, examine God's truth, and apply it to our week.

1. When was a time that you stepped out, even when others advised against it or were doing something totally opposite?
2. **Read [Joshua 3:1-4](#)**. Why did the Israelite officers tell the people to stand such a great distance (about 3,000 feet) behind the Ark? Are there any aspects of your life in which you are trying to get ahead of God? What would it look like to follow God's lead/presence in that situation?
3. **Read [Joshua 3:5](#), [Leviticus 20:26](#), and [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)**. What does it mean that we are called to be holy? How should our lives be different because we belong to God and are not our own? When have you done something God asked you to do, even though it went against your plan?
4. **Read [Joshua 3:13](#) and [Joshua 3:15-17](#)**. Why was the manner that Israel entered the Promised Land so significant? What did stepping into the river, while God held back the waters, represent? Where do you need to step out and trust God's promises?
5. Final Thought: **Read [Joshua 4:2-7](#)**. What did the stones symbolize? What is a victory God has won for you, and how do you remember it? How will this help you overcome the "rivers" in your future?

Deeper

Leader: This section is designed for further use in your Life Group or for personal study. These can also be used as discussion points and ways to stay connected with your group throughout the week.

The importance of “entering” is a theme seen throughout the Bible. The word “enter” is used over 250 times in the Bible. Entering often connotes obedience. It requires action and movement. From Noah and his family entering the ark, to Joshua entering the Promised Land, to mankind entering a new covenant through Jesus, entering God’s plan is a life-changing decision. In Hebrews, the author reminds believers of Israel’s inability to enter God’s peace in the past. He also stresses the opportunity they now have to enter into God’s presence and rest in the future.

6. **Read [Hebrews 3:7-19](#).** What prevented Israel from entering God’s peace under Moses’ leadership? What are some ways, according to scripture, or those you have personally experienced, that we can avoid falling away from God?

7. **Read [Hebrews 4:1-10](#).** Why is the Sabbath included in this passage? What are the different “levels” of entering God’s rest or peace? When and how have you experienced God’s peace in your life? How can you experience more of God’s peace?

8. **Read [Hebrews 4:11-13](#).** Why does the author of Hebrews bring up the Word of God in the middle of this long chapter on rest?

9. **Read [Hebrews 4:14-16 and 10:19-22](#).** How do these passages shape the way you view Christ and your relationship with Him? Would you say you enter God’s presence with confidence? Why or why not?