

We begin this week with the deliverers and the journey of the Israelite nation out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. They faced significant difficulty and struggles with faith as they failed to enter the first time. When they finally succeeded, they created a marker to help them remember that moment. In this study we will discuss spiritual markers and the significance they have.

What Do You Think?

- Can you recall a friend or family that had some sort of reminder of a significant moment in their lives? Perhaps a family heirloom of some kind? It could even be a person's name! What is it and what does it represent?
 - Do you have any special items that you keep to remind you of God's faithfulness to you? What are they?
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“...So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”
Joshua 4:7b (ESV)

What Does God Say?

- Many are familiar with the old hymn, “Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing.” In it there is a line which reads, “Here I raise my Ebenezer,” which has confounded singers through the years. **Read 1 Samuel 7:11-13.** What did “Ebenezer” signify and what does it mean for us today?
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“You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:8-9 (ESV)

- **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9.** What is the command in this passage and what does it have to do with remembering God's faithfulness? What can we learn today?
- Although we see many examples of physical reminders in scripture, there is a specific warning about such things in the Ten Commandments. **Read Exodus 20:4-6.** What is the difference

between what this is talking about and what Joshua did? What do we need to learn?

What Will You Do?

- What are some remarkable things God has done in your life? What reminder could you create or display to make sure you don't forget God's faithfulness?
- As a group, find something nearby (your leader may already have something in mind) that you can write on and keep that will help you remember the things God has done in your life. Take that object and put it where you'll see it often as a reminder of God's faithfulness towards you.