

MESSAGE

REMEMBER

FAMILY WORSHIP WEEKEND | JOSHUA 4:1-24 | MAY 28/29, 2016 | PASTOR MATT ERICKSON

"And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan." (Joshua 4:20)

God is Doing Something

We're Joining in with God

Remember in the Middle

Remember on the Other Side

STUDY GUIDE

1. What are some of your strongest memories from childhood? Why do they stand out to you?
2. This weekend is a family worship weekend at Eastbrook Church. We are looking at Joshua 4:1-24 and the idea of remembering what God has done in our lives. Whether you are on your own or with a small group, begin your study in prayer, ask God to speak to you through His word, and then read Joshua 4:1-24 aloud.
3. In Joshua 4:1-7, what does God ask of the people and Joshua? What is the significance of this action, according to Joshua in verses 6-7?
4. The people obey God through Joshua in verse 8. Joshua then sets up a pile of stones in the midst of the Jordan River. This is different than what the people were commanded to do in verses 5-7 and which the people will do in verse 20. Why do you think this was important in the midst of the river?
5. In verses 10-18 God works a miracle. What is it? Why is it important for the people to see God's miraculous provision as they enter the Promised Land?
6. When have you prayed that God would show you what to do and that He is with you? How did He answer those prayers?
7. With verses 19-24, the writer recounts the people's completed action of piling up of the stones near the city of Gilgal. What additional reasoning is given to the people for this in these verses?
8. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 27:2. How does the activity in Joshua 4 fulfill the instructions in Deuteronomy? Why was this important for the people then?
9. How might we help the next generation remember the wonderful truth and works of God in our lives?
10. What is one significant thing that God is speaking to you through this weekend's study? With your small group, family, or friends take time to share 'stones of remembrance' with one another. Maybe you want to actually make a physical pile of stones together as you do it. If you are on your own, you may want to write some of these things down and then share your thoughts with someone later.

[Next week we begin a new series on the Old Testament book of Judges entitled "Flawed Heroes." You may want to read all of the book of Judges or the first two chapters to prepare for the series kick-off next weekend.]