

# JOSHUA

TAKE THE LAND

## Small Group Questions: Part 3 - Preparing for a Breakthrough

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### Read

Joshua 3:1–17

### Reflect

In the third chapter of Joshua, the Israelites reach the Jordan River during the flood season. Stuck in the wilderness for 40 years, they have reached a crux point—a threshold moment. To reach the Promised Land, they must cross the high waters of the Jordan River, and follow in the path of the Ark of the Covenant at the instructed distance. When you're stuck in a wilderness of your own and finally reach a threshold moment, how can you prepare for a breakthrough?

Pastor Josh Surratt offers several ways to prepare for a breakthrough:

1. Go after God's presence.
  - a. Would you say that you hunger for God's word?
  - b. What needs to change for you to pursue God's presence in your life?
  - c. What have been your experiences with giving God the first part of your day?
2. Go stand in the river.
  - a. What have you been waiting for to happen? What is your wilderness? Right now, do you sense God pressing you to wait, or to move forward? Explain.
  - b. What was the significance of God telling them to stand in the water?
  - c. God told the Israelites not to get in front of the Ark of the Covenant, which held his presence. What difficulties have occurred in your life because you did not wait on God?
  - d. What blessings have occurred because you did wait on God?
  - e. Do you tend to dip your foot in the water or move straight in to stand in it? Explain.
3. Go expecting a miracle.
  - a. Once the Israelites stood in the river, the waters stopped flowing. The miracle was immediate. Yet, often it takes time. Have your experiences with threshold moments and breakthroughs been immediate or taken time? What have you learned from them?
  - b. The priests stopped in the middle of the Jordan, on dry ground. What do you think God's purpose was in this?
  - c. At what points in your journey do you find you most need encouragement from God?
  - d. What are you expecting from God? What step is He asking you to take?

What threshold must you cross to reach the Promised Land?

### Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?