

# SMALL GROUP GUIDE

## WARM UP QUESTIONS

Can you remember a time as a child when you did something that was scary?

Can you remember a decision you made as an adult that required a step of faith?

Can you remember a time you didn't do something because it was too scary or uncertain?

## BIBLE EXPLORATION: READ JOSHUA 3:1-17

### About this Story

The Jordan River, which is very steep, has a strong current and the Jews didn't swim.

Crossing the Jordan was a big deal and very scary.

God tells them to prepare themselves to cross this river and gives some specific instructions.

It requires strong leadership from Joshua and people willing to follow instruction.

God shows up.

### Questions

What do you think the Israelites are feeling about crossing the Jordan River?

What doubts do you think they experienced?

What type of relationship do we see between God, Joshua and the Israelites?

Have you experienced following a leader, like Joshua, who shares a plan that comes from the Lord?

Why does following God's specific instructions matter so much?

**THE FIRST THING WE SEE ABOUT THE CALL FROM GOD IS THAT ABRAHAM HAD TO TAKE SOME NEXT STEPS. THE SECOND THING WE REALIZE IS THAT THIS CALL DEMANDS A SURRENDER OF HIS WILL AND A STEP OF FAITH.**

**LET'S TALK ABOUT IT**

What did you hear in the sermon that challenged your normal point of view?

What did you hear about the new Christ Church vision that excites you?

Why is it comforting to see God use a flawed person like Abraham?

What can we learn from the things Abraham does right when following God?

How can the new vision of Christ Church change your plans?

What are the next steps you believe God is asking you to take?