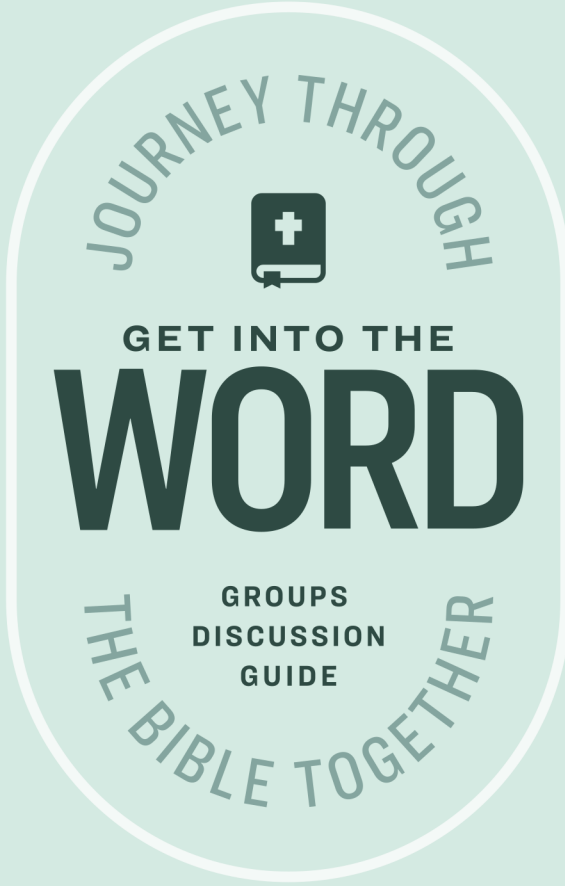




Week of Sunday,
July 5, 2026

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Growing in the MARCS of a disciple every day!

JULY FOCUS - MISSIONAL

Select a question below to ask the group to gauge how you are growing in the MARCS of a disciple.

1. Who did you intentionally engage this week who does not follow Jesus? What was the context?
2. Where did you sense God prompting you to speak or act— and how did you respond?
3. How are your current rhythms (schedule, hobbies, work) helping or hindering mission?

INTRODUCTION

Crossing the Jordan in Joshua 3–4 wasn't just a miracle; it was a turning point that demanded courage, obedience, and fresh faith. God called His people to step into overflowing waters, remember His faithfulness with stones of remembrance, and walk into a new season without manna. We will talk through how you can identify the “Jordan Rivers” in your life, celebrate how God has already moved, and consider where He's inviting you to get your feet wet and trust Him in bold, specific ways this week.

Joshua

READ ALOUD

Joshua 3:14-17

DISCUSS

Opening Question: Share a time when you had to take a risk or step of faith before you could see how things would work out. What happened?

- What details in this passage highlight both the danger of the situation and the power of God?
- Why do you think God chose to part the Jordan at flood stage instead of an easier time?
- The Jordan only parts after the priests' feet touch the water. What does this teach about the relationship between obedience and God's work on behalf of His people?

Have someone read aloud Joshua 4:2-3 and Joshua 4:21-24.

- How do these verses show that God cares about future generations and the nations, not just the people who crossed that day?
- How do these chapters show the balance between celebrating past victories, trusting God in the present, and stepping forward into future challenges?

DISCUSS & APPLY

- Where do you feel like you're standing on the bank of something God is asking you to do, but you haven't taken the first step yet?
- What are some concrete ways you can build "stones of remembrance" into your life or family (journaling, traditions, conversations, visual reminders)?
- When has God "stopped the manna" by removing something familiar or comfortable? How did that change grow your faith or move you into a new season?

RESPOND

How can sharing about what the Lord has done in our lives impact the spiritual walk of others?

Praying as a Church - Week 23 Prayer Prompts

(Share and pick some to pray through as a group.)

Praise

- Use Psalm 111 to praise God for His great works, redemption, and truth that stand fast forever.
- Psalm 112 is full of promises to those who are righteous. Joshua 23 reminds us that not one word of God's promises fails. Praise the Lord for His great promises. Which promises are you praising Him for today?
- Praise the Lord for the godly leaders He brings into our lives to guide us in truth. In our reading, we will see the great impact of godly leadership and the difference it can make in the lives of God's people.

Silence and Solitude

Sit in stillness and solitude, reflecting on Psalm 115. Reflect on the worthlessness of idols compared to the abundance of God's mercies.

Ask - allow the Word to guide your prayer requests.

- Use Joshua 8 to pray for a heart that trusts God's wisdom and walks in obedience, not fearing what the future may hold.
- Use Joshua 24 to pray for the courage to choose the Lord daily, and for your family to serve Him with complete devotion.
- Pray Psalm 112 over yourself and your family. Pray that you would seek God fearlessly and delight in His commands.

Lament - what has grieved you as you have read the Word?

- Lament the ways your heart has drifted from complete devotion to the Lord and been distracted by competing loyalties. Joshua 23
- Use the reading in Judges to confess recurring patterns of sin in your life and ask God to break cycles of disobedience and complacency.
- Lament the times that fear, selfishness, or everyday distraction have kept you from living a righteous and generous life.

Mission

- Use Psalm 113:7-9 to pray for the poor, needy, and those who want to have children. May God hear the cries of those who are desperate for His help.
- Pray for the new Foster and Adoption Ministry that has launched at Long Hollow, asking God to guide, strengthen, and use it to impact children and families for His glory.
- Pray for the unreached people group, Bajau, of Indonesia. There are no known believers and no church presence. Pray that God would open access for missionaries to reach the Bajau people.

This Week: Kids Camp (Hendersonville and Gallatin) July 6-9. Prayer Walking all 52 Sumner County Schools on Saturday, July 11.

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Joshua 3:14-17

What do you think it felt like to take that first step into the water before anything changed?

For younger kids, talk about feeling scared but trusting God anyway. For older kids/teens, ask about times they've had to obey God or do what's right before they could see how it would work out.

Why do you think God wants us to remember what He has done for us?

With younger kids, help them name simple ways God has helped your family. With older kids/teens, discuss specific "God moments" in your family's story or in their own lives.

What is a step of faith you think God might want you (or our family) to take right now?

For younger kids, talk about sharing, praying, and inviting a friend to church. For older kids/teens, explore bigger steps like serving, giving, forgiving someone, or talking about their faith at school.

GET INTO THE WORD

A YEAR-LONG JOURNEY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Week 23

- Joshua 8 / Psalm 111
 - Joshua 23 / Psalm 112
 - Joshua 24 / Psalm 113
 - Judges 2 / Psalm 114
 - Judges 3 / Psalm 115
- MEMORIZE: Isaiah 53:5-6 1
Peter 2:23-24

Other Resources

Resources for Family Discipleship



Check out Long Hollow's list of resources to help parents **disciple their families** through every stage of life.

WATCH

The Bible Project's Guide - Joshua



See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into **Joshua** and its themes.

LIFE GROUP

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources.

To request a resource reach out to us at **groups@longhollow.com**



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D-GROUP

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



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What's Going On?

Joshua 3–4 is a turning-point story in the Bible. God’s people, Israel, have been wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. Now they’re finally standing at the Jordan River, looking across at the land God promised to give them. The book of Joshua is all about that move, from promise spoken to promise experienced.

In this passage, the priests carry the ark of the covenant, the symbol of God's presence, into the flooded river first. The water only parts after their feet touch the edge. The people then crossed on dry ground, just like at the Red Sea. God tells them to take twelve stones from the middle of the river and set them up as a memorial. The story shows how God leads his people into a new season and how they must respond in faith and remember what he has done.

A Bit of Background

This happens after Israel has left slavery in Egypt and lived as nomads in the desert for 40 years. Moses, their longtime leader, has died. Joshua, his assistant and military leader, has taken over. The crossing of the Jordan marks the start of Israel actually living in the land of Canaan, surrounded by strong, city-based cultures like Jericho.

The Jordan River at harvest time could be wide and dangerous, especially at flood stage. Israel has no boats, no bridges, and no real military power yet. Humanly speaking, they are stuck. God’s miracle at the river is not just impressive; it is a public sign to Israel and to the surrounding nations that the God who freed them from Egypt is still with them and able to carry them into this new chapter.



BIRTH OF
CHRIST



CRUCIFIXATION
& RESURRECTION



BOOK OF
REVELATION

Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

MISSIONAL

Engaging with the world to share the Gospel intentionally.

ACCOUNTABLE

Being transparent with Christ and other believers about your walk.

REPRODUCIBLE

Disciples who make disciples; the mentee becomes the mentor.

COMMUNAL

Living in deep community with other believers; never alone.

SCRIPTURAL

Grounded in the Word of God as the ultimate authority.



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