

PASSING THE
FAITH
To the Next Generation



Small Group Questions

Speaker: Pastor Dave Hentschel and Pastor Bob Erbig

Date: June 7, 2026

Text: Josh 3:1-4:7

Sermon Title: "Crossing Over"

1. Remembering God's Faithfulness

Joshua called Israel to remember what God had done before they crossed the Jordan. Looking back on your own life, what is one significant way God has shown His faithfulness to you?

2. "You Have Not Passed This Way Before"

Joshua told the people they were entering unfamiliar territory. What area of your life currently feels like "uncharted territory," and how does God's faithfulness encourage you in that situation?

3. Following God's Presence

The people were instructed to follow the Ark of the Covenant. Today, we follow Christ. What practical habits help you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus rather than on your circumstances?

4. Panic or Pray?

The sermon noted that when facing impossible situations, we often choose either panic or prayer. Which response comes more naturally to you, and why?

5. The First Step of Faith

The Jordan did not part until the priests stepped into the water. Can you think of a time when God called you to obey before you could see the outcome? What happened?

6. Obedience in the Present

What is one specific step of obedience you believe God may be asking you to take right now—whether in your family, work, church, or spiritual life?

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7. God's Work Through Generations

The sermon emphasized that God's work continued from Moses to Joshua. How have older believers influenced your faith journey? How can you influence those coming behind you?

8. Memorial Stones

Joshua commanded the people to build a memorial so future generations would remember God's work. What "memorial stones" (stories, traditions, testimonies, practices) have helped strengthen your faith?

9. The Future of the Church

The sermon warned against becoming nostalgic and settling for past victories. What opportunities do you believe God may be placing before our church in this season?

10. Passing the Baton

Imagine people gathering here 25 or 50 years from now to celebrate another church anniversary. What would you hope they say about our generation's faithfulness and obedience to God's calling?

Closing Prayer Prompt

Fill in the blank: "One thing I want to remember about God's faithfulness is _____, and one step of obedience I want to take this week is _____."

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