

## That the World May Know – The Promised Land: Session 2 – Wet Feet

### Crossing the Jordan River

1. Each of the following Bible passages tells a story involving the Jordan River. Review each story and note the significant details that stand out to you.
  - a. Deuteronomy 1:21 – 37  
Deuteronomy 3:21 – 29  
Deuteronomy 34:1 - 4
  - b. 1 Kings 16:29 - 17:6
  - c. 2 Samuel 17:15 - 29
  - d. 2 Kings 2:1 - 18
2. What common threads do you see in these stories?

### Commitment Means Making the First Move

- Many Christians today are reluctant to step out in faith to pursue the calling God has given to them. As you read the following Scripture passages, take note of what making a commitment to follow God's calling required.
1. Who was required to take action when the Israelites crossed the Jordan River?  
Joshua 3:5 - 17
  2. What was the result?
  3. In faith, what did Joshua tell the people?  
Joshua 3:5
  4. What did God reveal to Joshua?  
Joshua 3:7 - 8
  5. What were some of God's reason for enabling the Israelites to cross the Jordan River?  
Joshua 3:10
  6. Clearly God could have divided the Jordan River at any time He chose. Why do you think He waited until the priests entered the water carrying the ark?
  7. Describe your own "wet feet" concept—what it really means for you to follow God and pursue His calling.

### The Ark of God

The Ark of the Covenant became the focal point of God's presence among His people. It was so important to God that He described its construction before describing any other sacred object—even before The Tabernacle.

1. What was the Ark of the Covenant's central purpose?  
Exodus 25:16  
  
What other purpose did it serve?  
Exodus 25:22
2. On the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), the great holy day of the Bible, what would happen?  
Leviticus 16:2
3. What did the Ark of the Covenant symbolize to the people?  
Psalm 91:4  
Psalm 99:1
4. During the siege of Jericho, where was the Ark of the Covenant carried? What did this symbolize?  
Joshua 6:1 – 11
5. Years later, even the priests of Israel became unfaithful and dishonored God, so God ceased to honor His people and removed His strength from them. What were the consequences that followed?  
1 Samuel 2:27 – 36  
1 Samuel 4:1 – 11  
  
What did the Hebrews depend on to save them? Why did their efforts fail?
6. Where does God choose to reveal Himself today?  
1 Corinthians 3:16 – 17

## **Up, Out of the Jordan: The Baptism of Jesus**

The greatest New Testament event to take place in relationship to the Jordan River was the baptism of Jesus.

1. Consider the parallels between the symbolism of Jesus' baptism and the creation story:
  - The Water  
Genesis 1:2  
Matthew 3:16
  - The Spirit  
Genesis 1:2  
Matthew 3:16
  - God's Approval  
Genesis 1:31  
Matthew 3:17
  - A New Creation  
Genesis 1:3 – 30  
Matthew 11:2 – 6
  - Temptation  
Genesis 3:1 – 7  
Matthew 4:1 – 11
2. Why did Jesus say that His followers would be "greater" than John the Baptist?  
Luke 7:28
3. Jesus answers a question and in so doing explains His calling.  
John 14:9 – 13

What was His calling?

How does it compare to the calling of the Hebrews as they went in to possess the Promised Land?

## **References**

Genesis 1	1 Kings 17
Genesis 13	2 Kings 2
Genesis 19	1 Chronicles 28
Exodus 25	Psalms 91
Leviticus 16	Psalms 99
Deuteronomy 1	Jeremiah 49
Deuteronomy 3	Zachariah 11
Deuteronomy 34	Matthew 3
Joshua 3	Matthew 4
Joshua 6	Matthew 11
1 Samuel 2	Luke 7
1 Samuel 4	John 14
2 Samuel 17	1 Corinthians 3
1 Kings 16	