



Courageous Choices: Crossing Over

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Was there a particular point or passage in Derek's Sermon that challenged you, or caught your attention?
2. Last week Derek outlined five keys to moving forward with boldness. It might be helpful to prepare for this week's discussion with a review of those five points:
 - a. Let go of the past
 - b. Prepare for God's promises and God's presence
 - c. Obey God, even when it's scary
 - d. Fight against discouragement
 - e. Wait for God's timing
3. **Read Joshua Chapter 3-** Forty years had passed since Moses and the Israelites had hesitated to cross into the Promised Land. The Israelites were, once again, on the banks of the Jordan with an immense obstacle before them. What was different this time? How were the people able to muster the strength, courage and faith to boldly cross over the Jordan?
4. **Read Luke 18:27**

Four Courageous Declarations when facing obstacles:

1. It's time to try it God's way. Put God in front. Make a list of reasons why this is so often difficult
2. Put sin to death. Consecrate yourselves. Discuss with your group members strategies you've employed to grow beyond a given issue with temptation and sin
3. Take a bold step of faith. Note that the river did not part until their feet touched the water. Is there a group member or two that would be willing to offer personal experience in this area? Share stories of how a step of faith was followed by God's love and support.
4. Brag about what God has done. How are group members able to proclaim the power of Christ with the people in their lives?

Prayer Thought: Use the "ACTS" prayer strategy as you pray with your group:

- Praise God as the architect of the universe and acknowledge that His way is always best.
- Confess any lack of trust in Him as you consider the sins that are most difficult to overcome.
- Thank Him for His goodness and mercy.
- Ask Him to help you to try doing things God's way, put your sins to death, take a bold step of faith, give Him credit for what He has done in your life.