

COURAGE

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group.

BOLDNESS IS NEEDED TO POSSESS ALL GOD IS WILLING TO GIVE. THIS STUDY OF JOSHUA WILL CALL INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES TO THE KIND OF COURAGE THAT CROSSES RIVERS, FACES GIANTS, AND CLAIMS THEIR FULL INHERITANCE.

1 As we cross the half way point of this series take a few moments to talk about what you're learning and what you're looking forward to regarding our future together as a church. What is one thing you've learned so far and how are you applying it to your daily walk? What excites you most about the Courage Campaign?

2 FEAR NEEDS... memories of courage. Read Joshua 4:1-3, 8-9, 19-24. God wanted Israel to always recall the significance of this moment, so He had someone from each tribe pick a huge rock from the river bottom. What's the significance of having them pick stones from the middle of the Jordan? What is the purpose of memorials like this one and what are some key examples of memorials in your journey with God?

3 "BOULDER BELIEVERS"... take courage from the intentional memory of God's story. The Bible says you exist to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. But with all the other competing narratives (Hedonism says you exist to be pleased, materialism says you exist to consume, and humanism says you have no true reason to exist at all) you will forget God's story unless you intend not to. What are some important steps we can take to help us remember who we are? In addition to some of these Next Steps what are some "personal stones" you can erect to recall those times God got you "through a river"?

4 "BOULDER BELIEVERS"... make the courage of the next generation a priority. God anticipated the questions of children. **Read Exodus 12:25-27.** What was an important teachable moment for you when you were young, and what significant teachable moment have you had with one of your children?

5 It only takes one generation for degeneration to take place. With that in mind, what are some examples of strategic things we're doing at The Hills to develop the courage of the next generation? What is one thing you can do to help in this area?

6 COURAGE NEEDS the right kind of fear. Read Joshua 4:24. It sounds strange, but the way you conquer fear is to get a bigger and better fear. Why is that true? **Read Proverbs 9:10.** What does it mean to "fear God" and how is a person's life changed when they have a healthy fear of God?

Next Steps: Before you close in prayer, have everyone reflect on these two questions and briefly discuss: **1)** Where do you need to set up some stones to remind you to fear only God? and **2)** Who do you need to pass your story on to?

