

Week of February 4, 2018

Questions for Ohana

Crossing Over: Preparing for Battle Joshua 5: 1-15

ICE BREAKER: When and where did you first take communion?
Or What part of worship helps you most know you belong to Jesus?

Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless this time to set us apart for Himself through His word.

A. Read Joshua 5: 1-9 (Genesis 17: 1-12)

Circumcision can be a difficult concept for some, yet it is an important teaching that helps us understand the old and new covenants.

- 1 How was circumcision a sign of God's covenant with Abraham? (Gen 17)
- 2 Why were the men in the desert not circumcised already? (Joshua 5: 6)
- 3 Why was this a mark of disobedience?
- 4 Why would it have been wrong/dangerous for the Israelites to move forward for battle without being circumcised? (5: 9)
- 5 What now permanently marks the Christian as being set aside for Christ? Deuteronomy 10:16 Galatians 5:6 6: 12-16

B Read Joshua 5: 10-12 (Exodus 12: 7-14, 48)

- 1 What event did the Passover remember?
- 2 What promise does it hold for the Israelites?

3 Why could they not hold the feast without circumcision first?

4 How is Jesus our Passover Lamb? (John 1:29)

C Read Joshua 5: 13-15

- 1 Who was standing in the way of Joshua? What did he want?
- 2 What is meant by "neither"?
- 3 What is meant by "take off your sandals"?
How does this prepare Joshua for the upcoming battle?

APPLICATION

- 1 What commands of God's word have you been slack in obeying? (baptism, praying, giving, serving, work, worshipping, attitude, speaking, leading, witnessing)
- 2 How has God stopped the "manna" in your life and moved you onto a new spiritual level. What has He substituted for it?
How has that weaning process made you more spiritual?

Pray together in the group.

Have a time of several minutes of silence, listening to God in His holy presence. Try not to rush this. Ask God what He wants you to hear from Him from today's time together.

Have a leader close and perhaps sing as a group a song or chorus on holiness (eg "Holy Ground").

Got questions or need help? Call Pastor Jonathan 436-8282