

week four | LIFE GROUPS GUIDE

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TEACHING AND TESTIMONY VIDEO

Play Teaching and Testimony Video for Week 4 and share reflections from the video afterwards. Then pray for this testimony before you begin the rest of the lesson.

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

01 What is something you have built or helped build that has a significant meaning to you?

02 When is a time God has opened a door or provided an opportunity for you to go somewhere that seemed impossible or Uncharted for you?

FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM SCRIPTURE:

Read each Scripture passage below and discuss the questions as a group. You may want to have each group member journal their answer first in the lines provided below before discussing together, as a means of encouraging all to participate more deeply.

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GOD ASKS US TO REMEMBER WHERE HE IS TAKING US

JOSHUA 4:1-9

“When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.” So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan.

Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.” So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them.

They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

1. Why was it important to God that each tribe in Israel be a part of gathering the stones when crossing the Jordan? Why is it important that every individual and family at Compass be a part of going into the Uncharted with our generosity together as a church?

- 2.** It says that they were to “take up a stone on their shoulder.” This tells us the stones were not small but were heavy and of significant size. Why is this important? Why would small stones not be sufficient enough to mark such a big occasion?

- 3.** The Israelites were told that these stones would serve as a reminder to future generations of what God did. What will you be able to tell your children and others about your Uncharted journey from what God is challenging you in thus far?

- 4.** These twelve stones marked the beginning of the Israelites’ journey into the Promised Land and was a place they could go back to in order to give thanks and gratitude to God for providing a way so that they could cross the Jordan River. What do you think these next two years will mean for you as you make your Uncharted generosity commitment? As you seek to give gratitude to God for this challenging journey two years from now, what are some of the ways in which He will have grown you in your life?

TAKING TIME TO REJOICE WILL BRING THE PEACE OF GOD IN ANY SITUATION

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

5. How can rejoicing bring peace when you are uncertain?

6. Where in your life do you need the peace of God? How can you rejoice in God and show gratitude to help bring peace to that area of your life?

7. What is your personal prayer for this Uncharted season for how God will stretch and grow you personally? What is your prayer for us as a church - for the impact Compass will have on the community for those who don't yet know Jesus?
