



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

FOR THE SERMON PREACHED: April 30, 2017

PASSAGE: Joshua 3:1 – 4:24

### **Strong and courageous: Boldly Pursuing The Mission of God**

In this Bible study we want to answer the question, “Is God's Mission, My Mission? Where do I begin, and how do I find my place in this mission?”

1. Read Joshua 3: 1– 4:24.

a. Underline ***the Ark of the covenant***, box-in ***passing over*** and circle ***stones***. What is significant about these words?

b. Why was the Ark of the covenant so important to the people? Read Matt. 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8. How does the presence of God help us as believers in our daily life?

c. When Israel crossed the Jordan into the promised land, why did God have them mark the spot with stones? How would this help the Israelites when they face giants in the land?

d. How can we use the principle of looking back to a place where God showed up in our own lives?

2. Read Mathew 10:24 – 42, Jesus addresses the characteristics that His disciples need to embody, to carry out God's mission.

a. Be like the Master :

According to v.24 –25 what is the goal of the disciple? Do see any similarities in the commands given to Israel as they entered the promised land?

b. Fearless followers:

Read v.26–31. What three reasons does Jesus give for followers not to be afraid? How can you use these promises to help you in the future when circumstances cause you to be afraid?

c. Missionary Disciples:

Jesus concludes His mission discourse to disciples in v.40–42, who are we to receive and how are we to receive them? In what ways are you doing this?

Memory verse: Matthew 10:24.