



GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Fall Quarter - Lesson 3 - Week of September 25, 2022
Lesson: A PILE OF ROCKS

Bible Verses: Hebrews 13:5-7; Joshua 4:1-7; Hebrews 6:11-20; Genesis 18:14

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What are your favorite deserts to eat or bake?
- At what time of day or night are you most productive: morning; afternoon; evening; after midnight?

DISCUSSION

In scripture, over and over again, the Israelites would forget about the greatness of God. Even the most visible miracles and blessings of God would quickly be forgotten. As soon as things got a little difficult, they lost faith in God's repeated promise that He was taking them to, and giving them, the fruitful and blessed promised land.

Just as the children of Israel got fearful and spoke unbelief, we sometimes repeat their unbelief in our lives today. When crunch time comes, we forget the deliverance God gave us last week or last month.

In Joshua 4:1-7, the children of Israel miraculously crossed the Jordan on dry land, as God split a large body of water right before their eyes for the second time. The Israelites were instructed to take 12 large boulders from the very middle of the parted sea where the priests' feet stood firm. They were told to make a memorial pile of rocks on the other side. When the sea returned to normal, the monument would serve as a reminder (for themselves and generations to come) of the miracle God did to bring them into the promised land.

1. What is the purpose of testimonies?
2. What did the Israelites do repeatedly that caused them to miss entering the promised land?
3. What did God instruct Joshua to do in Joshua 4:1-7 and why?
4. Think of the significance of the phrase, "where the priests' feet stood firm." Where were they standing and how does this relate to you?

It's so important for us to build our own pile of memorial rocks, whether figuratively or in actuality, to keep reminding us of how God kept our feet standing firm in the middle of our floods. These memorials give us the boost of faith we need when we see an impassable crossing ahead with our natural eyes. But is anything too hard for the Lord (Genesis 18:14)?

1. Has God kept your feet firm in the midst of your difficulties (floods)?
2. Do you recall a flood in your life where God showed up and showed out with His power?

We should keep listening to the testimonies of others, imitating their faith and patience, with sure expectation of obtaining what God promised (Hebrews 6:11-20), based on Jesus' finished work. God has not changed. If He did it for one, He will do it for all who believe and put a righteous demand on His Word. Our faith will flourish and allow us to take hold of His next supernatural provision that keeps us defying gravity.

Things To Remember:

1. God can keep our feet firm in the middle of trouble.
2. God does not mind if you make a memorial to remind yourself or others of how good He has been to you or your family.
3. Testimonies of others offer encouragement and hope.
4. God will keep His promise to deliver His people.
5. God makes provisions for His people.
6. God's vision for our lives is better than what we envision.
7. Trust God when the floods visit our lives.

Prayer Focus: God, help me to always remember how good you have been to my family and to me.

Don't forget to remember where all your blessings come from.

Don't forget to give honor where honor is due.

Don't forget to give thanks to the one who put you there.

Don't forget where your blessings come from.

(D. Lawrence)