



Week 1: Are We Almost There Yet?

Like kids on a road trip, we often wonder if we're "almost there" in our lives, faith, and church. In Joshua 1, after forty years of wondering, God's people are on the edge of something new – Promised Land – but not quite there. They now must prepare to cross over. This week's message reminded us we were not created to remain stuck on the "riverbank." Movement and transformation are essential, but our first step is kneeling in humility, reflection, and repentance. There is no crossing without a cleansing.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Reflecting on "Almost There"** Where in your life do you feel like you're "almost there" – on the edge of something God is calling you into, but not quite ready to cross over? What might be holding you back?
2. **Giant-Focused vs. God-Focused** The Israelites got stuck because they focused on their enemies' size instead of their God's size. What "giants" in your life tend to overshadow your faith? What would it look like to shift your focus back to God?
3. **"Same Old" Syndrome** Have you ever felt stuck in the cycle of sameness, like the "same old" life described in the sermon? What habits or mindsets might keep you on the riverbank instead of stepping into God's next for you?
4. **Preparation Through Cleansing** We were challenged to prepare for our next step by reading, reflecting, and repenting. How can your group help each other practice these 3 R's this week? What does "a knee to the ground" look like daily?
5. **Group Challenge: A Week of Preparation** Commit to reading Joshua 1-5 this week as a group. How can you hold each other accountable for reading, reflecting, and responding to what God is saying? What are you praying God will do "on the other side" of this preparation?