

SCC Small Group Study  
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The Past: Great to Visit, But Not to Live  
Joshua 4:1-9

These questions serve as a starting point for conversations. Don't feel like you need to reach every question, the goal is for good discussions!

Icebreaker: What was your favorite vacation you've ever taken and why?

1. Read Joshua 3:14-4:9. What jumps out to you about this story?
2. What parallels does this have with God's miracle of parting the Red Sea? What are some differences?
3. Why do you think Joshua had the Israelites set up 12 stones as remembrance?
4. What symbols of remembrance do we have as Christians to remind us of the works of God?
5. Did anything jump out to you from Keith's sermon?
6. Keith encouraged us to visit the past, but not live in it. Do you think we spend too little or too much time in the past as a society? Do you think **you** spend too little or too much time in the past?
7. Why do you think nostalgia is such a powerful force?
8. How do we learn from our mistakes, but not live in them?
9. How does what Jesus did on the cross mirror the Israelites crossing the Jordan River?
10. What do you think about the story of the pastor cutting down the John Wesley tree?
11. What does it look like to use the past to understand the present?
12. What would a healthy relationship with the past look like for...
  - a. Our World
  - b. Our Country
  - c. Your Family

d. You

13. What would you want the world to look like for future generations?

14. What's one step you'll take this week to accomplish that?