Endless

Week 1 Discussion Guide

Icebreaker

Are you someone who likes to have a plan for everything, or are you comfortable figuring things out as you go?

Read

Take turns reading Joshua 3:1- 4:7. (Optional: Have your group read the passage in two different versions. Then have the group retell the passage in their own words.)

Discuss

God was leading the Isrealites to the promised land, a place they have never been. They were standing on the edge of the Jordan River and it was at flood stage. God instructed the priests carrying the Ark to step into the raging water first. The riverbed turned to dry ground only after their feet touched the water's edge. Walking with God requires increasing levels of trust and active obedience.

- **What stands out to you about God's instructions to Joshua and the Israelites in this passage?**
- **Where do you struggle most with obedience when you cannot see the outcome? Is it fear, control, comfort, uncertainty, or something else?**
- **Can you think of a time when God called you to take a step of obedience before you knew how everything would work out? What did you learn through that experience?**

the Isrealites had a history of seeing God do incredible things. They had heard stories of God's faithfulness, and now they had to opportunity to experience it for themselves. The Jordan River was an obstacle they couldn't overcome on their own. Sometimes we are so focused on the obstacle in front of us that we forget who is leading us through it.

- **What do you think the Israelites might have been thinking or feeling as they approached the overflowing Jordan River?**
- **How can looking back at God's faithfulness in our lives help us trust Him with the uncertainty we face today?**
- **Is there an area of your life where you are struggling to trust God right now? What makes it difficult to take that next step?**

After the Israelites crossed the Jordan, God told them to gather twelve stones and build a memorial. He wanted them to have something they could look back on and remember what He had done. He also wanted future generations to see those stones, ask questions, and hear the story of God's faithfulness. It's easy to forget what God has done, especially when we're facing something new or difficult. We need reminders of His faithfulness, and we need to be intentional about sharing those stories with others. What God has done in the past can give us the courage to trust Him with what's ahead.

- **What are some ways we can intentionally remember and celebrate God's faithfulness in our own lives?**
- **If someone asked you, "What has God done in your life that you never want to forget?" what story would you share? Who needs to hear that story?**

Application

The Israelites didn't know exactly what was waiting for them on the other side of the Jordan. They just had to trust God and take the next step. As we wrap up Unfinished, we have an opportunity to look back and celebrate all that God has done, but also to look ahead and recognize that He isn't finished yet.

- **Take a step: Identify one thing God has been prompting you to do that you've been putting off. Maybe it's having a difficult conversation, stepping into an opportunity to serve, or taking a step of faith that feels uncomfortable. Whatever it is, stop waiting for the perfect time and take one tangible step this week.**
- **Build a memorial: Write down three specific ways you've seen God work in your life. Be specific! What has He brought you through? Where has He provided? When has He shown up in a way you couldn't have planned? Share one of those stories with someone this week.**

Prayer

Spend time in prayer thanking God for what He has already done and asking Him to remove fear that keeps you from what He might be asking you to do next.