

Taking It Deeper - Discussion notes
I Am All In
Joshua 3.1-17
AGIF August 26

Note - these notes are designed to facilitate a small group discussion to “take deeper” and apply personally the Sunday message. The questions are meant to stimulate discussion. Of course you are welcome to add more questions, or take away. You know your group.

Intro question (for everyone to answer) – Tell us about a time when you got yourself into something and you couldn’t turn around, couldn’t go back, but you were pretty scared. (perhaps like getting on a roller coaster, or perhaps something more serious).

Background before reading the scripture - Can someone briefly set the scene for this scripture? Why are Israelites at the Jordan River? Where have they come from and where are they going?

Read Joshua 3.1-17 (read it out loud - each one reading a verse in turn)

Based on the text, how did the people ready themselves to cross over the Jordan River? How do you think they were feeling?

According to the text, what were the instructions given about the crossing?

What do you think is the significance of the ark both leading the way and also being in the center of the river as the people crossed?

Is there an area in your life that God is calling you to leave the old behind and cross over into His best for you and/or your family?

Another scripture to look at: *For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. 2 Chronicles 16:9*

Prayer suggestion for as people share

- have everyone commit those areas to God in silent prayer. Or . . .
- ask if anyone would like the group to pray for them
- if yes, then pray like this: Ask the person to close their eyes and receive.
- invite God to be present & fill the person
- be quiet and wait
- invite people to pray short prayers, or share a picture or scripture they hear in their mind to give to the person
- then move on to the next person