

**Title: Crossing Jordan**

**Text: Deuteronomy 34, Joshua 1:1-9**

**Date: June, 6, 2021**

**WARM-UP QUESTIONS:**

1. What are you most looking forward to this summer? How has the pandemic experience shaped your expectations of what is ahead of you?
2. What were some of the losses you encountered in the past sixteen months? How did these affect you emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually?

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

1. Recognizing the arduous journey that the people of Israel had gone through, how might they be feeling at the death and departure of their leader, Moses? Deuteronomy 34:8 indicated the Israelites grieved for thirty days? Why do they need such a long period of mourning before crossing the Jordan?
2. Read the opening of Joshua (1:1-9). How does God prepare Joshua and the people for what is ahead of them? Reflect on the relationship Joshua had with Moses (check Exodus 17:8-13, 24:13; Numbers 13:16; Deuteronomy 31:1-10). What was the source of Joshua's confidence as he steps into his new responsibility?
3. Notice the motion of lying down (death) to the command "Arise." What kinds of "deaths" were the Israelites commanded to lay down before they were called to arise to cross Jordan?

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. What is God calling you to lay down before your own crossing of Jordan?
2. What are you tempting to go back to before the pandemic? How do you plan to move forward in life?
3. Consider how you can contribute to our church's re-entry journey. Who can you lift up in prayer? What tangible ways can you step forward to walk in step with God's Spirit?