

Crossing Jordan: Reflection

Joshua 4:19-24

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QUESTIONS

“Seeking to forget makes exile all the longer; the secret of redemption lies in remembrance.”

- Baal Shem Tov

Recall an important moment/story in your life. Has your re-telling of your stories change as subsequent visits as your understanding of God and God’s purposes evolve? If so, how?

As we think about the transition back to in-person church, we celebrate but also reflect back on what’s happened. As Pastor Ryan states: “People will know God through the remembering and retelling of our journeys.”

Use the below questions from Pastor Ryan to reflect on how you’ve changed over the past year and where you have seen God. Take note of whether your current perspective on those events has changed from when you were going through them (you may still be going through those events, and that’s okay too). How would you re-tell those stories to others now?

Who are you grieving? What changes occurred in your life that required loss for you to experience something new?

Who are people who have been a part of your community? How have you appreciated and cherished your time with them?

What aspects of your life are you looking to start something new?

Where are the places where God is inviting you to be a servant leader?

Am I open to creating new friendships in my life?

Will I embrace the changes that I have seen within myself?

If you’re willing to, make a commitment (personally or with your group) to revisit your answers sometime from now. Perhaps it is setting a future date to discuss again. Or building your own stone memorial to remember where you have experienced God.

Take some time to pray over what God has been doing in your life.