



COMPASS
CHURCH



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

January 10, 2021

Joshua 3:1-17

1. Reread Joshua 3:1-5. After more than 4 decades, **finally** the Israelites are going to be allowed into the promised land. As they prepare to cross a river overflowing its banks and approach a walled city that they are going to have to conquer somehow, Joshua tells everyone to **consecrate themselves**.
As we approach our own defining moments, do we consider the state of our relationship with God? Why should we consecrate ourselves (that is, set ourselves apart **from** sin and apart **for** service to God) to prepare when we want God to do something big in our lives?
2. As you look forward to the year 2021, what things are you hoping for in this year? What are you asking God for in this year? What sin do you need to set yourself apart **from**? What service do you need to set yourself apart **for**?
3. Read Joshua 3:6-17. The river was flowing and it looked impassable. And yet God's instructions were for the priests carrying the ark, to step into the river (verse 8). Why would God not stop the river *before* the priests stepped into the water? Are there "rivers" (not literal rivers, but situations or circumstances) that seem impossible or impassable without God's intervention? Is it possible that God is asking you to take a step of faith **first**, before He intervenes?
4. What are you doing to deepen your relationship with God? Do you need to set time apart for Him? How will you pursue God more intentionally this year? What steps of faith do you need to make?

