



Calvary Oro Valley

Wed. Night Discipleship Group Study

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026

Joshua Study #3

Joshua 3:1-17

1. Verses 1-6

- a. What instructions were the officers giving the people concerning the Ark of the Covenant, and why were they to follow it?
- b. What did Joshua tell the people to do in verse 5, and why was this important as they prepared to cross the Jordan River?
- c. What did Joshua tell the priests to do with the Ark in verse 6?

2. Verses 7-13

- a. What did the LORD tell Joshua He was going to do in verse 7, and how would this establish Joshua before Israel?
- b. What did Joshua want the people to understand about the LORD being among them? (vv. 9-10)

3. Verses 14-16

- a. What did the LORD say would happen when the priests carrying the Ark stepped into the Jordan?
- b. Why is it significant that Israel crossed the Jordan when it was at flood stage?
- c. Where did the waters of the Jordan stop, and how did Israel cross?

4. Verse 17

- a. Where did the priests stand while all Israel crossed the Jordan, and what does this reveal about the LORD's presence with His people?

Helpful Bible Study Resources:

- **Pastor David Guzik** – Visit www.enduringword.com and click on “Commentary” at the top of the page for verse-by-verse insights.
- **Blue Letter Bible** – Go to www.blueletterbible.org to read or listen to various commentaries (like Chuck Smith and J. Vernon McGee), explore multiple Bible translations, and use Strong’s Concordance for original Hebrew and Greek word meanings.
- **Pastor Jon Courson** – Access his teachings at www.joncourson.com. On the left-hand side, click “Topical and Expository Teachings Sorted by Bible Book” to find his verse-by-verse commentary.
- **Bible Hub** – Visit www.biblehub.com to explore classic commentaries from well-known Bible teachers. Just enter your scripture passage in the search bar at the top.
- **Crosswalk** – Another valuable site for Bible study and commentaries: www.crosswalk.com.

How to Study God’s Word Effectively:

Remember the simple yet powerful approach we’ve learned:

1. Soak in the Passage
 - Read the passage multiple times. Each time, pray and ask God to speak to you—inviting His Spirit to give you insight, clarity, and understanding.
2. Follow the O.I.A. Method:
 - Observation – Write down everything you notice in the text, even the simplest details. Don’t overlook the obvious—just note what you see.
 - Interpretation – What do those observations mean? Seek to understand the message and context of what you’ve written down.
 - Application – Based on what you’ve read and understood, how does this truth apply to your life? What is God calling you to believe, change, or do?