

Joshua 3: The Symbol, Assurance & Proof of God's Presence

Focus: God is with His people and He is their confidence.

NW's 2018 Priority

Key Word: Bought

- **Bumper Sticker:** Bought: we belong to Christ!
- **Full statement of priority:** to be captivated by the truth that we belong to Christ, that we are His people...
 - such that, (these are the markers we are looking for increase in this year)
 - ...we would be in awe of this privilege (delight)
 - ...we would respond in willing obedience
 - ...we would invite others to join us! (evangelism)



Discussion:

- Conversation Starter: Share a time in your life when you “felt” God’s presence the most. What was it about that time that made you more aware of His presence?
- **The Symbol of God’s Presence (Read 3:1-6)**
 - What is the significance of the ark? (Numbers 7:89; 10:33-36; 14:41-45)
 - What are our symbols of God’s presence (cross, Lord’s Supper, baptism)? How do these encourage you and remind you that God loves you and is always with you?
- **The Assurance of God’s Presence (Read 3:7-13)**
 - Knowing (7, 10) seems to be a BIG deal in these verses. What is it that God wants them to know? Why would this be important to them?
 - What are some things that give you assurance of God’s presence in your life?
- **The Proof of God’s Presence (Read 3:14-17)**
 - What was the proof of God’s presence with them? Why would God lead them across the river when it is a flood stage?
 - What are some of the most difficult places God has lead you? How did He wondrously get you through them?
- Personal Application: What areas of your life do you need God’s presence most these days? How does knowing He is with you and doing good for you impact the way you handle these situations? How should it? Where do you struggle?