**GOD ENABLES THE ISRAELITES TO CROSS THE JORDAN**

Joshua 3:1-17

Key Verse 3:17 “The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.”

1. Where did Joshua lead the Israelites? (1) What problem did they face when they reached the Jordan? (15)

2. What does following the ark of the covenant symbolize? (2-4) Why should they keep a distance?

3. Why should they consecrate themselves? (5) What does it mean to consecrate ourselves? How and why would God begin to exalt Joshua? (6-8)

4. What was God teaching Israel through the crossing of the Jordan? (9-13)

5. What was the role of the priests in crossing the Jordan? (14-17) What do we learn here about God? About faith? About leadership?