

Title: New Day, New Way

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Read Joshua 3:1-8 - "The size of your flood pales in comparison with the size of your God."

40 years following God makes a pattern. On the banks of the Jordan River things suddenly change. Entering the promised land God will lead them in new ways. No more cloud by day. No more fire by night. It's tough when the way God used to lead isn't the way he leads now.

1. The Ark is new way God will lead his people. What's so special about the Ark? What was it anyway? What was in it? And what does it signify?
2. Do you think God is leading the Big C Church into new places and new ways during Covid? If so, how so?

Just as God led the people to the daunting waters of the Red Sea, he now leads a younger generation to their version an impossible water crossing. The Jordan is at flood stage. So, picture yourself as one of the priests chosen to carry this wooden box into the surging waters.

3. What would go through your mind if you were in his sandals?

Kip raised the idea God is giving us daunting assignments in 2020. We're to carry his presence into our turbulent world. How? We're to *own the reality of the situation*.

4. What did he mean by 'lean into it'?
5. How does the US ARMY axiom 'lean into the pain and the rain' illustrate the point? Even more specifically how is leaning into the only way to climb over an obstacle?
6. Like these priests and that congregation, God calls us to trust and obey: to choose faith over fear. God gives hard assignments! What mindset are we to focus on and what mindset should we get past? _____ if not _____ if.

God may/will direct you to live counterintuitively. He asks, "Get your feet wet... Step into the water, your own personal Jordan."

7. During Covid has God asked you to step away from a familiar to a new pattern in following him? Is there a Jordan he's asking you to cross? If so, tell the group.
8. Is there a new pattern your group may need to step into or up to?
9. What will you do as we start to regather, stay home or worship on site, start your own Cornwall at home, etc.?
10. What verses guided the church to go along with the State's guidelines?