



## House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on January 3, 2021

Sermon: Gilgal  
Text: Joshua 4:1-9

### Gathering Guidelines

Watch Pastor Brian's intro video for this week.

### Take some time to worship

Play a worship song. Pray to Jesus. Be in His presence.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbJaM\\_EneMw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbJaM_EneMw) (Hillsong: New Wine)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZ55mDL7dA0> (Elevation/Jobi: The Blessing)

### Read

Joshua 4:1-9

### Discussion Questions

#### Question #1

Remembering something that has happened in your past can bring you a lot of strength for present circumstances and struggles. Can you think of something in your past that gives you strength for today?

#### Question #2

For many years the Israelites had travelled in the desert waiting for God to bring them to the land of blessing that He promised to them years before.

In Joshua chapter 4:1 it says the whole nation had just finished crossing over the river Jordan. This was miraculous because the river had been flowing aggressively and as soon as the priests stepped foot in the river with the Ark of the Covenant it simply stopped flowing!

Try and imagine how you would feel after seeing this, and now standing on the other side of the river looking at your neighbours who had crossed with you. .  
.How would you feel?

#### **Question #3**

The 12 stones that were taken from the river and piled up on the river side were called 'Gilgal'. This became a place where Israel would be reminded of God's faithfulness and power. It was a place where Israel would be brought close to God again. Read Joshua 5:8-9. It talks about God wanting Israel to be circumcised after having just crossed the Jordan. Why do you think God wanted Israel to be circumcised?

#### **Question #4**

Gilgal became a place where Israel would go out to do battle against her enemies (Joshua 10:7-8). It was a place where they were brought close to God; a place where they were forgiven and cleansed; and a place where they would launch into battle to do the Lord's will.

These three things are critically important for us as children of God. We need to be continually brought close to Jesus again and again; we need a place where we can be forgiven and cleansed; and we need a place from which we can go forward and to battle in order to engage in the promises of God in our lives.

Do you agree that you need these things in your life? And how would you describe them as happening?

#### **Question #5**

When you think of 2021, how would you imagine your life taking on new depth in your walk with Jesus? What is something that you would want to see different so you can grow?

#### **Invitation and Mission for this week**

This week remind yourself of the solid foundations you have in Jesus. Everyday take a moment to thank Him for those things. And then ask Jesus what 'battles' He is asking you to fight, then ask Him for the strength to step in and do it.

#### **Pray for each other**

