

Group Conversation Guide

Week of April 23

Series: Take the Hill: A Journey Through Joshua

Title: Faith Forming Habits

Scripture: Joshua 3:1–5; 4:21–24

BEFORE YOUR MEETING

- Watch or attend Pastor Mark Ragsdale's message at churchatviera.com/live

BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION

- What is one daily habit (good or bad) that has had a BIG impact on your life?

SETTING THE SCENE

Read: **Joshua 3:1–4**

God is leading His people into unknown territory, and giving them a pattern to follow.

- What stands out to you about how the Israelites were instructed to move?
- Why do you think God emphasized following the Ark?

Truth: You can't step into new ground with old patterns.

- Where in your life does it feel like "you've never been this way before"?

HABIT #1: START WITH GOD

Read: **Joshua 3:1**

"Early in the morning..."

- Why do you think this detail is included?
- How does starting your day with God shape the rest of your day?

HABIT #2: KEEP GOD FIRST

Read: **Joshua 3:3–4**

"Follow it... then you will know which way to go..."

- What does it mean practically to "put God first and up front"?
- Why is it difficult to follow God when the path is unclear?
- Where are you tempted to take control instead of following God's lead?

HABIT #3: CONSECRATE YOUR LIFE

Read: **Joshua 3:5**

Cross-reference: **1 Timothy 4:4–5**

“Consecrate yourselves...”

- What does it mean to consecrate your life?
- What area of your life do you need to surrender more fully to Christ?
- What does “set apart” living look like for you this week?

HABIT #4: STEP OUT BEFORE YOU SEE

Read: **Joshua 3:8, 15–16, Ecclesiastes 11:4,6**

- Why do you think God required the priests to step into the water first?
- What does this teach us about how faith works?
- What fears keep you standing on the edge instead of stepping in?

HABIT #5: REMEMBER GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

Read: **Joshua 4:21–24**

The stones were a visible reminder of God’s power.

- Why was it important for them to create a memorial?
- How does remembering past faithfulness strengthen present faith?
- What “stones” can you point to in your life where God has been faithful?

SO WHAT HILL IS GOD CALLING YOU TO TAKE?

- Which of these five habits is strongest in your life?
- Which one needs the most attention?
- What is one specific step you will take to build that habit?

WORSHIP TOGETHER

- See *A Victory* – Elevation Worship - youtu.be/jEK6_rz26z0?si=J5Be74zvwzLLzPmm

PRAY TOGETHER

- Thank God for His faithfulness in your past
- Ask Him to build consistent, Christ-centered habits in your life
- Pray for courage to step out in faith before you see the outcome