



**New Ground**  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

***[Romans 12:2]***

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able.

***[Joshua 1:2-3]***

The time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you.'

***3 Components of Spiritual land acquisition:***

- ***God's promises***
- ***God's timing***
- ***Our faith response***

***[Joshua 3:1-6]***

Early the next morning Joshua and all the Israelites left Acacia Grove and arrived at the banks of the Jordan River, where they camped before crossing. Three days later the Israelite officers went through the camp, giving these instructions to the people: "When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark

of the Covenant of the LORD your God, move out from your positions and follow them. Since you have never traveled this way before, they will guide you. Stay about half a mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don't come any closer." Then Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you. "In the morning Joshua said to the priests, "Lift up the Ark of the Covenant and lead the people across the river." And so, they started out and went ahead of the people.

### **[Joshua 3:5]**

Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.

*Consecration = kaw-dash'*

- a. Belonging to God alone
- b. To set apart for God's exclusive use
- c. Devoted, dedicated and made holy through separation
- d. To be set apart from common things in order to be exclusively devoted to, and used for God's purpose

### **4 Facts about taking New Ground**

- 1. Consecration proceeds the 'Amazing Things.'**
- 2. Consecration is an invitation, not a forced behavior.**
- 3. Consecration is an act of faith that does not need to know the outcomes of the sacrifice and commitment.**
- 4. An amazing life and legacy await us all on the other side of complete and permanent surrender.**  
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### **Key Points:**

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### **Applications for the Week:**

Identify one "land" God is giving you this year—a specific promise or assignment (relationship, purity, calling, work, ministry). What first, small step will you take to "set your foot" on it this week?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. In Joshua 3:5, what is the sequence that God gives, and what does each part point to in real life (ie. Consecrate today; God does amazing things tomorrow.)
2. What three elements of “taking new ground” were named—promise, timing, and response—and where do they appear in the story?
3. What contrast does Romans 12:2 make between “not conforming” and “being transformed,” and how does that relate to moving toward something rather than just away from something?
4. What did the microphone stand picture show about consecration—set apart from and set apart to?
5. If “consecration precedes amazing things,” why would God choose not to bless areas left unconsecrated (purity, finances, time)? What does this reveal about alignment with His ways?
6. Kingdom consecration gives God a “yes” without demanding to see outcomes in advance. What does that uncover about trust, control, and how God writes legacy?