

VILLAGE MOVING DAY

Celebrate His faithfulness. Consecrate our hearts. Say yes to His mission.

BIG IDEA

Celebrate what God has done. Set ourselves apart for what He wants to do next.

MESSAGE SUMMARY

On our last Sunday in our current location, Andrew looked back at Village's beginnings and God's faithfulness through 14 years in this space. Changed lives, answered prayers and faithful service give us reasons to celebrate. Joshua 3 calls us to prepare our hearts for what comes next. Consecration means belonging to God and being set apart for His use. A ready building needs a surrendered people to live the mission.

READ TOGETHER

Joshua 3:1-5

Read the setting, then focus on verse 5:

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

ICEBREAKER - CHOOSE ONE

Option 1: What is your funniest moving story or the strangest thing you have packed?

Option 2: What is a favorite Village memory? If you are new, what first helped you feel welcome?

TALK IT THROUGH

- 1 As you think about Village's story, what is one thing you want to thank God for?
(If needed: someone meeting Jesus; a baptism; a friendship; faithful volunteers; God providing.)
- 2 How does remembering God's faithfulness give you faith for what is ahead?
(If needed: past provision reminds us to trust Him; changed lives give us hope for more people.)
- 3 Read Joshua 3:1-5. Why do you think Joshua called the people to consecrate themselves before moving?
(If needed: their hearts needed to be ready to follow God; preparation included trust and obedience.)
- 4 Consecration means being set apart for God's use. How is that different from trying to become perfect?
(If needed: "I belong to You"; surrender and availability; trusting His grace rather than earning His use.)
- 5 What might God be asking you to surrender so that you are ready for what He wants to do through you?
(If needed: confess a sin; forgive someone; release control; renew prayer; move from attending to owning.)
- 6 "Whatever the ask, whatever the task, may our answer be yes." What could your yes look like this week?
(If needed: serve; give; invite a friend; welcome a new family; pray; encourage someone; help with the move.)

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Celebrate: Thank God for one specific part of His faithfulness, and share that story with someone.

Consecrate: Pray, "God, make me ready." Name one thing to surrender and one act of obedience.

Say yes: Take that step this week. Let your group know how they can pray and help.

Pray: Thank You for Your faithfulness. We belong to You. Prepare our hearts. Our answer is yes. Amen.

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Help your group remember His goodness and respond with a willing heart.

A SIMPLE 60-MINUTE RHYTHM

1 Connect 10 MIN

Welcome everyone and choose an icebreaker.

2 Read 10 MIN

Recap the big idea and read Joshua 3:1-5 aloud.

3 Discuss 30 MIN

Use the questions; do not force all six.

4 Respond 10 MIN

Name a yes, allow quiet prayer and pray together.

LEAD THE CONVERSATION

1. Begin with gratitude. Let people remember God's goodness in Village's story and in their own lives.
 2. Make room for everyone. Longtime members can share history; newer people can share how God brought them here.
 3. Move from memories to readiness. Ask how remembering His faithfulness helps us trust and follow Him now.
 4. Keep surrender gracious. Consecration is belonging to God, not earning His love. Let people share at their own pace.
 5. Turn reflection into obedience. Help each person name one practical yes. Listen without rushing to fix.
- DO: Invite several voices; use sample answers only when needed.
DON'T: Pressure anyone to disclose private struggles.

HELPFUL FOLLOW-UPS

When an answer is short or general, try:

Where have you seen God's faithfulness?

What makes that memory meaningful?

What might "God, make me ready" mean for you?

Is there something you need to release?

What would a practical yes look like?

How can this group pray for or help you?

KEEP THE MAIN THING CLEAR

God changed lives here; the building was a gift, and the life change was His work.
Remembering His faithfulness gives us faith for tomorrow.
Consecration means being set apart for God: surrendered, available and ready to obey.
Joshua's call reminds us to prepare our hearts as we follow God into what is next.
Our mission remains: to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER

Allow a quiet moment to thank God and surrender. Invite open hands if people are comfortable.

Father, thank You for every life changed, every prayer answered and every person who has served. You have brought us from there to here. Search our hearts, forgive us and prepare us. We belong to You. Help us reach people, disciple children, serve families and welcome the hurting. Whatever the ask, whatever the task, may our answer be yes. Use us for Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.

BEFORE GROUP

- Read Joshua 3:1-5.
- Choose 3-4 questions.
- Prepare a story of God's faithfulness.
- Prepare your own honest yes.
- Leave time for quiet prayer.
- Follow up on next steps.
- Keep personal stories confidential.