

THE CULTURE

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Introduction:

In the astonishing wake of Easter – the news that Jesus is alive rang out across human history. His life, death and resurrection became the launching pad for those following in his footsteps. He is the cornerstone that sets the culture for every community of faith.

Scripture:

So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

— Joshua 3:14–17

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you follow the Artemis II mission? What stood out to you? Why do you think humans are driven to keep exploring?
2. What's the last thing you'd describe as truly amazing? What made it feel that way?
3. How might you reframe your everyday routine as an adventure? Does following Jesus shape how you see ordinary life?
4. Does your faith feel more like a chore or an adventure right now? What's driving that?
5. The Israelites had heard their parents' stories of crossing the Red Sea — and now they faced their own crossing. What do you think was going through their minds? What would you have done?
6. What is God calling you toward that requires letting go of something first?
7. What adventure is he calling you to next — and how can we support you in saying yes?