

**“Preparing Ourselves for God’s Wonders”**

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*Josh. 3:5 “Then Joshua said to the people, “Sanctify yourselves [for His purpose], for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders (miracles) among you.” (AMP)*

**1. We Prepare \_\_\_\_\_**

*Lev. 20:7 “So set yourselves apart to be holy, for I am the LORD your God.” (NLT)*

- Spiritual preparation requires embracing \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Sanctify yourselves [for His purpose]*

*Eph. 4:1 “Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.” (NLT)*

- Spiritual preparation requires a removal of \_\_\_\_\_ to that purpose

*II Tim. 2:20-21 “In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. <sup>21</sup> Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.” (NIV)*

**2. We Prepare \_\_\_\_\_**

*Josh. 3:14-15 “So the people **left their camp** to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. <sup>15</sup> It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks...” (NLT)*

**3. We Prepare \_\_\_\_\_**

*Josh 3:17 “Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there **until the whole nation of Israel had crossed** the Jordan on dry ground.” (NLT)*

*Ps. 133:1,3 “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity...For there the LORD has commanded the blessing....” (NASB)*

Be aware of your own \_\_\_\_\_

Be godly in your \_\_\_\_\_

Be a participator not a \_\_\_\_\_

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Discussion Questions:

1. Is preparing yourself for God's wonders a new concept for you? How does the story in the book of Joshua of the people of Israel preparing themselves relate to our need to prepare ourselves?
2. Discuss the two ways we can prepare spiritually for what God wants to do. Do you struggle believing God has called you?
3. Discuss the II Tim. 2:20-21 passage and how it relates to you getting yourself ready to follow Jesus into His purposes.
4. Discuss how we prepare progressively. Pastor Dale talked about the difference between a Pioneer and a Settler. How does this imagery relate to us as a church?
5. Discuss how we prepare relationally. Why is it so significant that we follow Jesus together?
6. Pastor Dale gave five practical ways we can do this. Discuss each step and how you will apply each step in the coming weeks.

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