

Welcome - When was the last time you did something for the first time?

Word - The word we sense God has given us for this year is, 'enter in'. This is the year to enter in more fully to what God has for us.

- How do you react and respond to the phrase 'enter in'?
- In what areas of life does 'entering in' make a difference?

To open up this theme we are looking at the book of Joshua

- What do you know about the book of Joshua?
- What do you know about the man Joshua?

On Sunday, Leon said "geography gives us some theology"....let's unpack this a little...

Egypt represents life before conversion

Canaan represents the promised land, the fullness of life in God

Wilderness represents the place in between; the frustrating place, the defeated place, where we ask, 'is this as good as it gets'?

- What have been your experiences of these 3 different places and experiences?

In order for the people to 'enter in' to the life God had for them they had to take a step.

1. They had to step **out** - what are some past experiences we have had to step out of, in order to step into the future? Why is this so hard to do at times?

2. They had to step **in** - Read Joshua 3 perhaps asking different people to read verses.

- What strikes you from this story?
- What principles can we draw out about 'entering in' from this chapter?
- What 'rivers' (barriers, challenges) are you facing right now?
- How can you follow Jesus across those rivers and into the land He has for you?

Finish by offering to pray for each other for more of God's spirit, for a greater realisation of His presence and for a greater degree of courage to keep pressing in.