



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

## Home Group study: week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**TITLE: Free from Satan's Footholds**

**PASSAGE: Joshua 3 v 5**

**THEME: Don't let Satan turn Footholds into Strongholds.**

### Leaders Notes:

- *Please use these questions as conversation starters to aid discussions. Please don't feel obligated to go through all the questions.*
- *After the reading I always like to consider asking 'what immediately stands out in the passage?'*

### Introduction

You may recall two weeks ago Malcolm preached and he relayed the story of Joshua crossing the Jordan, and he summarised his talk with 4 key points:

- Clean up
- Listen up
- Look up
- Step up

Sunday's sermon focussed on the first point to 'Clean-up', Joshua told the people... **Joshua 3 v 5**  
*"Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."*

The very first thing the Israelites were asked to do was to consecrate themselves. That meant to make themselves clean in accordance with Jewish custom. They had to wash themselves, their clothes and to refrain from anything that would contaminate them before God.

### Discussion starters

1. Why was it important for the Israelites to carry out this cleaning ceremony?

### Read scripture Ephesians 4:25-27

2. What does the Apostle Paul mean when he says don't give the devil a Foothold?

The sermon focussed on four particular Footholds the enemy may have in our lives, go through each one and discuss how they may effect your life.

### The Four Footholds beginning with D...

1. **Don't be bitter**— Forgive! Read: **Romans 12:19**
2. **Distraction** — Are you too busy for God? Read: **Matthew 6:6**

**3. Desire** – What pleases God. **Read: James 1:14-15**

**4. Doubt** – Erodes or builds faith. **Read: 1 Peter 5:8**

#### **Optional extra**

Can you think of other potential Footholds that we have to be aware of as Christians?

#### **Pray**

- For the Holy Spirit to help you recognise potential Footholds in your life and pray for the Lord to forgive you and help you to overcome them as we move forward into a new season.