

...the main points again

'One small step for man; one giant leap for mankind'

Moments when everything might change- liminal experiences

Between the wilderness and the land

A choice which leads to opportunity and new challenges

*In order to arrive at what you do not know
You must go by a way which is the way of ignorance.
In order to possess what you do not possess
You must go by the way of dispossession.
In order to arrive at what you are not
You must go through the way in which you are not.
And what you do not know is the only thing you know
And what you own is what you do not own
And where you are is where you are not.*
- T.S. Eliot

Not alone...Taking one small step with God...

The God whose aim is his conclusion

*'In Scripture, word and miracle go hand in hand, the former predicting
and explaining, the latter confirming'*

The God who goes first with us into the unknown

Trusting the Sat Nav God...

The God whose character shows the way

The God who makes the way

*He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand
of the LORD is powerful **and** so that you might always fear the LORD
your God."*

The God who calls people to follow his leaders, who are following his lead

And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses."

The God who operates through invitation and response

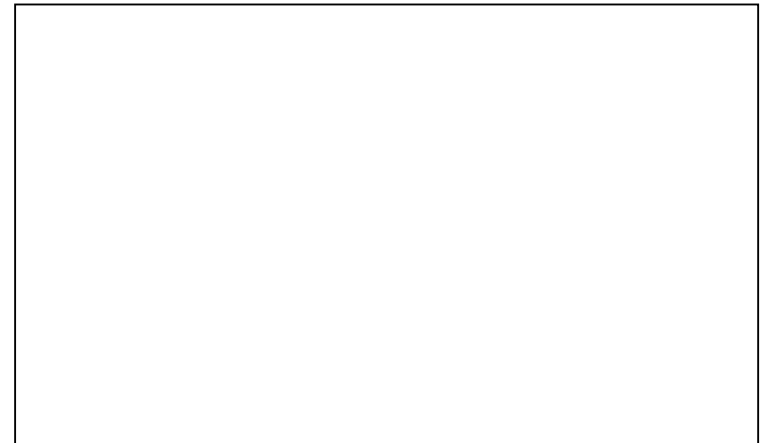
If I take one more step, it'll be the farthest away from home I've ever been.

*Come on Sam. Remember what Bilbo used to say:..
.It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door.
You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet,
there's no knowing where you might be swept off to...
- From *The Fellowship of the Ring* script*

Taking one small step of faith to open a new world...

Consecration

Collecting souvenirs...to live by faith in times of settlement as well as times of transition



...So what...

Read Joshua 3-4 and discuss what you might have felt like if you were among the people following Joshua and the Ark through the Jordan and into the land...What hopes? Fears?

Read Genesis 12.1-3

The promises here are about to be fulfilled but continue to require the faith to take that one small step...

What small steps of faith do you think you are being called to at the moment in your Christian life?

What is holding you back from making them?

If this is difficult for you personally, then discuss together the steps the church is facing

Looking carefully at chapter 3, what reassurances does God offer the people as they step out on this anew adventure? Does he still offer the same reassurances for the steps you are being challenged to take?

Before the people make their move they are called to prepare by consecrating themselves.

This is the second time we have encountered that instruction in this series, see also Exodus 19.10

What act of consecration might you need for your next small step?

In Joshua 4, the leaders of the people are called to take memory stones out of the river?

What mementoes do you have in your life?

Do you have any faith mementoes?

As a group can you talk about the creation of something to remember together?

Read Revelation 3.20

In what way does your small step involve letting Jesus in?

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Travels with my Father

One Small Step

Joshua 3-4

Devoted to Christ, his people, his mission