

Communion Meditation

Joshua 4.8-9,20-24 "Memorial Stones" December 15th, 2019

Memorial Stones in Gilgal

- God commanded Joshua to do this in **vss 1-3**
- **v6** ~ "that this may be a sign among you when your children ask"
- Note that 1) children are expected to ask
- And that 2) parents are to be prepared with an answer

Children's Questions

- Children can ask a lot of questions / Some of you have children at that stage
- It can get tedious answering all of their questions
- Parenting is a primary tool of God's teaching patience to us adults
- Children look to parents for answers / Yet they may not believe you
 - **III**: Rachel asked Tabitha about sprinklers / "Grass doesn't have a mouth"

God Knows We Forget

- God had the Jews establish this memorial in Gilgal because He knows us
- We forget things / Even very important things such as being saved or rescued
- These stones in Gilgal were a visible reminder of God's goodness
- They were to remind them of crossing the Jordan and the Red Sea (**v23**)

Two Sets of 12 Stones

- People could see the stones in Gilgal all of the time – common place
- **Read v9** ~ "Then Joshua set up .. they are there to this day"
- Periodically, during drought, they could see the 12 stones in the river
- **III**: Zorinsky drained a few years ago because of the mussel – tires everywhere

Lord's Supper

- This meal correlates to the rocks stacked at Gilgal – visible reminder
- We partake weekly so we risk it becoming commonplace
- But each week affords an opportunity to answer children's questions

Let's not tire of answering our children's curious questions

Not every child may ask about it / But other children may listen and learn

Each answer we give extends time they'll continue seeking answers from us