

rites of passage

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discussion guide

Gather a group of people (consider all ages) to watch the video and then to explore, discuss and consider some action steps that may follow.

DEFINE

What comes to mind when you think about 'Rites of Passage'?

Rites of passage are about acknowledging and being more intentional and strategic about celebrating the significant moments in life as we transition through the seasons of life - in households and in communities of faith.

WATCH THE VIDEO/S

(Choose one to watch or both)

This is ONE example of ONE aspect of what 'rites of passage' could be. After the video spend some time exploring more of this topic and consider some of the opportunities around this final question,

❖ *'What life stage will you celebrate?'*



DISCUSSION

Reflecting on the story.

- ❖ What stood out for you in this story? Why do you think that is?
- ❖ Have you or someone you know got a story about a 'rite of passage'? Can you share?

DEEPER

Unpacking the building blocks listed on the video.

- Have an intentional plan
- Invite significant others to contribute
- Create an active experience
- Speak words of life
- Select a meaningful gift
- Celebrate together

- ❖ Why are each of these building blocks important to the story? Would you add anything ?
- ❖ What rite of passage building blocks have been present in your own life?
- ❖ Which ones were missing from your experience and could have been helpful?
- ❖ What moments could/should be celebrated in a person's life?

DISCOVER

Digging into stories in the Bible that reinforce these building blocks.

KEY VERSE

1 Corinthians 13:11 *“When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.”*

READ:

Joshua 4

Have an Intentional plan: (vs 1-3/ 6-7)

- ❖ What was the intentional plan ?

Invite significant others to contribute: (vs 4)

- ❖ What significant people did God include?

Create an active experience: (vs 5 / vs 20)

(God commanded a physical act because He knows that's how we remember best.)

- ❖ Why is it important that we physically engage in the process?

Speak words of life: (vs 6-7)

- ❖ What message did God want people to remember and how did he want them to share it?

Select a Meaningful Gift: (vs 9/20)

(The altar still stands there today)

- ❖ What gifts do you see in this story that would have been meaningful?

Celebrate together: (Joshua 5).

- ❖ How would you have celebrated if you were there and a part of this experience ?

DECIDE

Make an intentional plan to implement something from this discussion

- ❖ What life stage will you celebrate?
- ❖ Who are you celebrating?
- ❖ What moment are you marking?

1. Have an intentional plan

How can you keep it personal and significant for the individual you are celebrating?

2. Invite significant others to contribute

Who needs to be included?

3. Create an active experience

What 'out of the ordinary' activity could be special to the person?

4. Speak words of life

What are the important messages that need to be heard at this time?

5. Select a meaningful gift

What gifts could be given? Does it have to be a physical present?

6. Celebrate together

How can you make this fun?

DARE

Why don't you share your own 'Rites of Passage' story. Film it and send it to us. If it is 3-5 minutes longwe would love to share it with others.

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