

[MESSAGE NOTES]

Week 4 — *Forward Together* (Joshua 5:1-12)

Message Notes:

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

There are times in life where we just can't wait to get to the next big event or experience and these can often be defining moments or memories. ***When was the last time where you were waiting for something and your excitement was barely containable? (i.e., an event, experience, trip, etc.)***

[DIGGING DEEPER]

This week we gathered as a church family for the first time on a Sunday morning in one location in over 6 years. We spent time in Joshua being reminded that even though the *what* and the *where* may change, the *Who* never does. **Read the following scriptures:**

Malachi 3:6

James 1:17

Isaiah 40:8

Hebrews 13:8

How would your daily life be different if you lived knowing and remembering these verses were true?

2 Corinthians 13:8 says that, “we are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory.” God desires transformation in our lives as we focus our eyes on Jesus. **Take a few minutes to pray and ask God what areas of your life He is wanting to transform. Write out a summary prayer in the space below:**

God also desires for His people, His Body—the Church—to become more and more like him each day. **Read Ephesians 4:1-16. *What are some of the common themes in this passage of Scripture? What is Paul telling the Ephesians they should be all about? Write these out in the space below:***

Take a few more minutes and on your own or in your group to pray these themes over your church—the people, the mission, the leadership, and the community as a whole.

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend’s message.

Joshua 5

Ephesians 4

1 Peter 2

2 Corinthians 3