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Living Consecrated (Week 3)

Preacher: **Justin Matthews**

Worship:

Song Suggestion: “*Here I Am to Worship*” – a simple, posture setting song that echoes consecration, surrender, and turning our attention to God.

Check-in:

How did you experience God’s presence or prompting this past week – whether in a big moment or a small one?

Big Idea:

Consecration isn’t just a moment – it’s a way of life. Joshua calls Israel to consecrate themselves before crossing into the Promised Land (*Joshua 3:5*). In the same way, followers of Jesus are invited to live set apart daily – through **repentance**, **remembrance**, and **release** – trusting that God will “do amazing things” among us.

Key Scriptures:

- Joshua 3 – 4: Consecration before stepping into God’s promises
- Romans 12:1: Offering our everyday lives to God
- Acts 3:19 – 20: Repent and experience refreshing
- Isaiah 6:1 – 9: A life-changing moment in God’s presence

Discussion Questions:

1. Repentance – Returning to God

Where in your life do you sense God inviting you to “turn back” to Him – perhaps in your thinking, habits, or priorities – so that you can live more fully consecrated?

2. Remembrance – Strengthening Faith

What are one or two moments in your past where God clearly showed His faithfulness, and how could remembering these, help you trust Him for your “tomorrow”?

3. Release – Taking the First Step

What is one practical step of obedience you feel God is asking you to take right now – your “foot in the Jordan” – and what might help you walk it out?

Prayer Pointers:

As you close, invite the group to pray into the following:

- **Repentance:** “Lord, show me where I need to turn back to You, and give me the courage to do it.”
- **Remembrance:** “Thank You for Your past faithfulness. Help me see how You have carried, guided, and provided for me.”
- **Release:** “Give me strength and boldness to take the next step of obedience You are calling me to.”