

# Consecration For Mission

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Joshua 5:1-15

## Warm Up:

What “rite of passage” made you feel like an adult? Getting your first job? Voting? Joining the military? Getting married? Getting to drive?

Were you baptized? If so, describe your experience with baptism.

Read Joshua 5:1-15.

## Digging Deeper:

1. How did Gary describe the Canaanites who lived in the land, as the people of Israel arrived? As worshipers of Molech and Baal, what did their worship practices involve? What is the impact of the miraculous river crossing on the kings of Canaan (verse 1)?
2. Why did God have the children of Israel wander 40 years in the wilderness? What do you think 400 years of slavery did to the mindset of Israel? How do you think they changed, after leaving Egypt? Read verse 9. What was the “reproach of Egypt?”
3. Gary said circumcision was a sign that old identity was replaced by new identity. Read Colossians 2:10-12. How are we “raised with Him?” What is a new picture of identity for followers of Christ, in this passage? Why is our identity in Him important?

## Application:

Read Joshua 5:15. Who was the commander of the Lord’s army? How does this differ from the world’s current, common

view of Jesus? Gary said we are enlisted in God's army. Does this teaching surprise you? In what ways does the world "shake its fist at God?"

**How have you seen --- or received --- God's Grace this week?**