# **Celebrations and Reflections**

Part of the Hebrew mindset was rest and reflection. God created the Sabbath day for this purpose (Gen 2:3). He knew that mankind could easily drift off course without reflecting on where they have been. As the saying goes, “Hindsight is always 20/20.” God knew that his creation needed to reflect on where they’d been to know where they were going.

Joshua 4:2-3, 6

*“2 Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, 3 and command them, saying, ‘Take up for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet are standing firm, and carry them over with you and lay them down in the lodging place where you will lodge tonight.’”... 6 “Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’”*

Similarly, this session is dedicated to reflecting on what you’ve learned and how you’ve grown, both individually and as a community. This should be a prayerful exercise. Some of the ways God has healed and transformed you may not be evident on the surface, but if you ask Him, He will show you.

Prayerfully spend some time asking the Lord the following questions:

* Father God, what areas have I grown during these last twelve weeks?
  + What areas still need growth?
  + How have you seen other students grow? List specific people and ways they’ve grown.
* How has your relationship with God changed throughout this class?
* How has your attitude/perspective changed toward the other students in this community?
* Do you have greater clarity about the gifts and talents the Lord has given you?
* Do you have a sense of what God is calling you to in this next season?
* How valuable was this class to you?
  + What were the most/least valuable topics?
* Would you recommend this class to others? Why/Why not?

Phillippians 1:21-30

*“21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 But if [I am] to live [on] in the flesh, this [will mean] fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. 23 But I am hard-pressed from both [directions,] having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for [that] is very much better; 24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again. 27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; 28 in no way alarmed by [your] opponents--which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that [too,] from God. 29 For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, 30 experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear [to be] in me.”*