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YOUR WORLD

Rites of passage will need to become increasingly more **evangelistic** and facilities increasingly more **flexible** to maximize all of the moments that bring people through our doors “naturally.”

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JOSHUA 5:2-12

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.” So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth. Now this is why he did so: All those who came out of Egypt—all the men of military age—died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt. All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not. The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left

Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the Lord. For the Lord had sworn to them that they would not see the land he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way. And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed. Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the

reproach of Egypt from you.” So the place has been called Gilgal to this day. On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan

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Rituals

Rites

Exclusive

Inclusive &
Participatory

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Three Stages of a Rite

- ▶ Stage 1: Separation
- ▶ Stage 2: Transition
- ▶ Stage 3: Incorporation

- ▶ Modern life is devoid of many meaningful moments.
- ▶ Rites have a meaningful movement to them.
- ▶ The social setting of rites is inclusive and participatory.

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Make Important Life-Events Spiritually Significant

(2 SAMUEL 19:9-43)

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Something profoundly **unifying** happens when we gather people around a significant life-moment. Social division, economic status, racial distinctions fade, and a profound oneness is experienced.

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**Connect Your Life
to the Bigger Story**
(REVELATION 19:1–10)

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REVELATION 19:9

Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

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