



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 10th November 2024



Remember Me.
3 stories of God's faithfulness, love and mercy

Warm Up

What's the worst thing you have forgotten? Spouse's birthday? Collecting your child from school? Have you been surprised that someone you didn't expect remembered your birthday?

Background and context

This week we commemorated Remembrance Sunday and the sacrifice of others for this nation's freedom. Our study this week focuses on three Biblical characters who called out "Remember me!" God responded and Samson's weakness was turned to strength, Hannah's despair turned to joy and the thief on the cross' death turned to life.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



1. Share what you know of the story of Samson. (Judges 13-16)
2. What were Samson's character weaknesses? Why would God use such a flawed person?
3. Look through the story and identify four ways that Samson is like Jesus.
4. In what ways is Jesus so different from Samson?
5. **Read Judges 16:23-30.** How does God remember Samson? Why does He remember him?
6. Scan through 1 Samuel 1. Why was Hannah despairing? What was her life like?
7. What promise does she make as she cries out to God? Is this rash?
8. **Read 1 Samuel 2:21.** How does God do more than Hannah desired?
9. Hannah's sadness is turned to joy. Where else in scripture do we see God doing this?
10. Why should Hannah's story give us hope today?
11. **Read Luke 23:32-43.** The thief did not deserve God's mercy, why does he receive it?
12. How is this scene in scripture a simple picture of the gospel?
13. **Read Isaiah 49: 15-16.** How do we know Jesus will not forget us?

Discipleship and Application



Group discussion: Can you recall a time in your life when God:
Turned your weakness to strength?
Turned your despair into joy?
Turned your "death" into life?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.