

The act of remembering

Warm Up

How do you ensure you don't forget important things? Do you have any techniques or tricks? A knotted handkerchief, writing on your hand?

Background and context

God calls us to actively recall His past actions, covenants, and commands that shape our present faith and future hope. It involves not just a mental recall of God's mighty acts like the Exodus, but also a spiritual discipline to stay mindful of His promises and to teach them to the next generation. This builds a foundation for identity and trust. Examples of the way God asks us to remember include the observance of the Passover to remember deliverance and the Lord's Supper to remember Christ's sacrifice until His return.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



1. **Read Genesis 9:12-17.** What is the sign of God's covenant with Noah and the animals? Who is the sign for? What does this tell us about God?
2. **Read Exodus 2:24.** Why does God remember His people? Is it an active or passive activity? Why is the decision to remember important?
3. **Read Exodus 12:14-20.** What do you know about how this festival is celebrated? What different ways are there of remembering God's rescue of the Israelites? Why is it important to have different ways of remembering?
4. **Read Deuteronomy 8:2.** What does God command His people to remember? Why should they? How might it help them?
5. **Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9.** What is the purpose of this command? What will it develop in His people? See also Psalm 78:1-8.
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 11:24-26:** Why do you think Jesus chose food as a means of remembering? How does communion link to Passover?
7. **Read 2 Peter 1:5-15.** What do we learn about the act of remembering and how remembering provides growth in our faith.
8. Why is it important to remember future events revealed in the Bible, i.e. Jesus' return?

Discipleship and Application



9. How do you actively remember God's word?
10. How do you feel about the different ways Christians may choose to remember biblical events? Eg: stained glass windows, pictures, rituals, monuments etc.



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

There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.