

## Small Group Discussion Guide — January 10, 2021

- Sermon: “Remember”
  - Scripture: Ephesians 2: 6-10, Ecclesiastes 12:1-2
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### **FOLLOW UP FROM LAST WEEK:**

How are you “pressing on” in your faith right now? In what way are you advancing to take hold of what Christ took hold of for you? How are you currently challenged to press on?

### **CONNECT:**

1. What one thing stood out for you from this weekend’s services?
2. Describe a memory that is especially important to you and explain why. What memory do you wish you don’t remember as much as you do?

### **ENGAGE:**

1. Read Ephesians 2:8-10
  - How do you define grace? How is it a gift? How are God’s mercies new to you every morning?
  - For what kind of works do you believe we were created? How do you determine which works are God’s calling for your life? Is this something that you think about often?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 12:1-2
  - Why is it important to remember your Creator in your youth? How does that memory help or sustain us in times of trouble?
  - Read the same scripture in The Message translation. Why do we tend to forget who we are and whose we are?

### **APPLY:**

1. Share a specific memory of God’s hand at work in your life. Why do you think that memory stands out to you? How does that memory enhance your relationship with God? With others?
2. Is there some challenge in your life where you don’t feel God’s hand at work? Or was there a time or situation when you felt that God was distant? How do you draw near to God in these times? How are you being redeemed by your Creator?
3. What specific action can you take to remind yourself of God’s blessings and to remember His provision each day? What action can you take to demonstrate to others that you remember who you are and whose you are?

### **PRAY:**

Gracious and loving God, help us each day to remember that we are your creation, we are here to bring you glory, and that we can do that under any and every circumstance. Give us eyes to see your blessings each day and give us hearts of gratitude for every blessing you bestow. Help us to keep our eyes firmly focused on you so we never forget. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

## **GOING DEEPER:**

1. What prayer of yours has been an example “rehearsing your worry”? Practice giving it to the Lord and leaving it there.
2. Pete said “we have been dis-membered until we remember that we are created in the image of God.” What do you think he means by this? In what ways are you feeling or have you felt *dis-membered*? Remember someone in your life that has shown you God’s love and thank that person by writing a note or making a call.

## **SUPPORTING VERSES:**

Isaiah 57:11-13

## **QUOTES:**

”The problem with the human race is that we remember what we should forget and forget what we should remember.”

John Ortberg

“When we have sold our identity to the judges of this world, we are bound to become restless, because of a growing need of affirmation and praise. Indeed, we are tempted to become low-hearted because of constant self-rejection.”

Henri Nouwen

Reminding helps us:

Grow in Gratitude

Strengthen our identity

Encourage our belief

Foster our wisdom

Raise our Hope