

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week #4 - Forget Things



GETTING STARTED

Spend some time checking in with each other. Any highs and lows since the last time you met?

Forgetfulness is part of the human experience, and it's a recurring theme in the Bible and our daily lives. The need for reminders is central to understanding how we grow and learn! Share a personal anecdote about a time you forgot something important,

THIS WEEK'S THEME

Hans listed several examples of forgetfulness from the Bible:

- Adam forgetting God's goodness.
- Noah forgetting God's ways after the flood.
- Abraham forgetting God's promise.
- Israel forgetting God's deliverance.
- The disciples forgetting Jesus' miracles and teachings.

Why do you think God's people were so forgetful, even after all the miracles and signs they witnessed? What might that tell us about the human condition?

Hans also mentioned *meal stories* from the Bible - from Jesus eating with tax collectors to the wedding banquet, to the feeding of the 5,000. How do shared meals (both in biblical times and today) serve as reminders in our own lives? Can you think of a time when a meal brought you a sense of connection, comfort, or remembrance?

Jesus' act of offering the meal repeatedly is a way to ensure we never forget God's promises and love for us in our daily lives.? What reminders or rituals help you stay grounded in your faith?

What do you think of when you hear the word "covenant" and how does it differ from what you learned about the idea of covenant explained in the message? How does knowing that the *new covenant* is for everyone impact your view of God and your relationship with others?

How can we help others remember God's covenant in their lives? What can we do as a community to create spaces for people to remember and reflect?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read [John 12:12-19](#)

We hear in this passage how Jesus arrives in Jerusalem to the cheers of the crowds - people waving palm branches. He receives a hero's welcome because the people believe he's there to save their nation from the oppressive powers of Rome. They shouted "Hosanna!" which means "save us now!" They shouted, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" as was a direct attack on the religious leaders. The people were convinced that Jesus came to save their nation, which God had led out of captivity in Egypt, made a covenant with in the desert, and led to the promised land of Canaan. It was all about the covenant God made with the nation of Israel.

Read more here:

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/narrativelectionary/king-crucified/commentary-on-john-1212-27-1916b-22-2>

Read [Luke 22:7-20](#)

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the Passover - the day that commemorates the covenant God made with the Israelite nation. It was their annual reminder of what God had done. And so, as a faithful Jew, Jesus told the disciples to find a place where they could celebrate the Passover, just as their people had done for 100's of years.

In his final meal, Jesus redefines the meaning of the Passover meal, introducing the new covenant in His body and blood. Jesus' words, "Do this in remembrance of me," serve as a reminder of the ultimate sacrifice and the new promise He offers.

Why was it so radical for Jesus to make the Passover meal about Himself? How does this new covenant differ from the old covenant with Israel? What does it mean for you that Jesus offers this covenant "for all"?

Read another interpretation of covenants here:

<https://bibleproject.com/articles/covenants-the-backbone-bible/>

PRAY

Ask how you can pray for each other this week. What prayer requests do you have?

Lord God, Bread of life. Come to us this Lenten season and sustain us with your love and grace. Amen.

TAKING IT HOME

What is one reminder or practice you could incorporate into your daily life to help you remember God's promises and love?