

## THE IMPORTANCE OF REMEMBERING

1. **REMEMBERING**—What are the kind of things you tend to remember—big or small, positive or negative—and what is the value or remembering them?
2. **REFLECTING**—Why do you remember these things, what do you do that reminds you, repeats them, or retells the memory in your own life or family life?
3. **DISCOVERING**—Read the passages below and answer the questions that precede each.

- What do we learn from God’s warning to Israel before entering the promised land about us?

*When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. <sup>11</sup>Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. <sup>12</sup>Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. (Deuteronomy 8:10-14)*

- What does the psalmist remember in the midst of his anguish, and why is it important?

*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. <sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? <sup>3</sup>My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?” <sup>4</sup>These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. <sup>5</sup>Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. <sup>6</sup>My soul is downcast within me; therefore, I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar. (Psalm 42:1-6)*

- What makes the command God gives through Isaiah so hard to keep?

*Remember this, keep it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. <sup>9</sup>Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. <sup>10</sup>I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, “My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.” (Isaiah 46:8-10)*

- What can we do to allow the Holy Spirit to exercise his ministry of reminding?

*The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)*

- Why do you think Jesus felt this command and ritual (Lord’s Supper) was even necessary?!

*The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1Cor 11:23-25)*

4. **CONNECTING**—What are creative ways that you as a person and family and we as a church might do a better job of remembering and celebrating what God has done and continually does for us?
5. **RESPONDING**—What is something specific you will do this week to strengthen your own habit or remembering?