

God's Memory
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon
and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.
For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the
questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.
Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

We live in a diminished place when we **continue to**
remember what God has forgotten and **fail to remember** what
God will never forget.

[Isaiah 43:25, TPT]

*I, yes I, am the One and Only, who completely erases your
sins, never to be seen again. **I will not remember them again.***

Freely I do this *because of who I am!*

[Hebrews 8:12, TPT]

*For I will demonstrate my mercy to them
and will forgive their evil deeds,
and never remember their sins again."*

QUALITIES TO GOD'S MEMORY—

- 1. God does not remember sins that have been left at the cross.**

[Psalm 103:10-15]

*He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the
heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who
fear him; as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

[2 Corinthians 5:17]

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a
new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

***You can't turn over a new leaf and live like hell at the same
time.***

- 2. God does not focus on or “remember” those things that are behind.**

[Isaiah 43:18-20]

Forget the former things...

Forget / (zakar) = do not recall, rehearse, or mention in order to remind oneself

...do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!

*Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.*

God has the ability to forget, and not focus on, our past. Once you come to the Cross, He recognizes the right-standing and righteousness of His Son instead.

[Philippians 3:13]

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it (the highest call), but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.

God wants you to be a forward-thinker; don't dwell on your past! You can't press into what God has for your future and look in the rearview mirror at the same time.

3. God will not forget His people.

[Isaiah 49:14-16]

***Yet Zion says, "The LORD has deserted us;
the Lord has forgotten us."***

"Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child?

Can she feel no love for the child she has borne?

But even if that were possible,

I would not forget you!

See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.

(Zion = see Hebrews 12:22-23)

4. God will never forget when you serve others with the right heart.

[Hebrews 6:10]

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

5. God will never forget His covenant promises (*His long-range plans for your life*).

[Deuteronomy 7:9]

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

[Psalm 105:8-9]

*He remembers his covenant forever,
the promise he made, for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.*

[Jeremiah 29:10-11]

This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

There is an eternal plan that has been put into place, and you are part of it!

FOR MONDAY—

1. Forget a past achievement in favor of future progress. If something's keeping you in the “glory days,” find a way to set it aside.

2. Seize the opportunity to serve someone in your neighborhood or city!

TALK IT THROUGH

1. In these days, what are you remembering and forgetting the most? Would you identify this as natural tendencies, seasonal situation, or “selective memory”?
2. What is the difference between conviction and condemnation? How do they either hinder or help move forward?
3. How do we align our thoughts with the memory of God? What are some markers that indicate when they are mismatched?
4. Read Isaiah 43.8-10. How does forgetting the former things help us perceive what God has in motion? In other words, how can we be “forward thinkers?” What are some “new things” that you see the Lord doing?
5. Why do you think the Apostle Paul describes forgetting the past and moving forward as one motion?
6. What are some things God will never forget, both for your life and in His long-range redemptive plan?
7. How has God already been shaping your character in the waiting?
8. Pray over the promises God has made to you and your family.