



“The Discipline of Remembering” Deuteronomy 8:1-20

SERMON NOTES

Record your insights and observations from this week's sermon:



KNOWING GOD

a) Read Deuteronomy 8. Why did Moses again and again warn the people to remember the Lord their God?

b) What is the sin beneath the sin of forgetting God? That is, what heart attitude lies behind our tendency to forget God's mercies in the past? (vs. 14)

c) In verse 19, Moses draws a connection between forgetting God and worshipping idols. Comment on that connection. How can the discipline of remembering protect us from idolatry?

d) Read Psalm 78:1-8. Why is it important for us to share our stories with young people?



GROWING TOGETHER

a) In Deuteronomy 8:7-9, Moses tells the Israelites that God is about to bring them into “a good land,” “a land where...you will lack nothing.” Tell about a time in your past when God provided for you. Be specific about what you needed and how God met that need.

b) Name a few stories (books, movies, childhood stories, etc.) that move you at a deep level. Why do those stories in particular connect with you emotionally?

c) Do you make it a habit to regularly and intentionally remember God’s deeds of mercy in your life? If so, how do you do it (by journaling, writing poetry or songs, storytelling, etc.)? If not, what keeps you from doing it?

d) How might your Life Group or Bible study become a place where people tell their stories to each other?



SERVING OTHERS

a) Read Deuteronomy 6:20-23. In this passage, Moses tells the Israelites to tell stories about God with their children. How is storytelling a way of serving others?

b) Have you been forgetting God by failing to practice the discipline of remembering? If so, what is this costing you? What is it costing the people who know and love you?
