

Don't Let Them Forget

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Personal Connection (25 minutes)

Icebreaker

How (calendar, phone, note, etc.) do you make sure to remember to do something that is important?

Sharing Christ and Praying for Each Other

Have you had a faith-based conversation with someone this week?

What praises and petitions can the group bring before God to celebrate the highs you've felt this week as well as the lows you've experienced?

Review Last Sunday's *What Now?*

Last week we discussed that God doesn't always interact in our lives as we would desire, but he is ALWAYS there with us, and many times surpasses all of our expectations! Pray that the Lord would give you wisdom to understand his timing in circumstances that weigh you down. We may not understand his timing, but he desires to draw us closer to him in everything. Pray for trust to follow him, even when there are more questions in your heart than there is faith; Jesus is with you and knows your concerns.

Digging Deeper (30 minutes)

This Week's Key Concept:

We are an essential part of God's plan to share Christ's love and truth with all the generations that follow.

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-12

- Q1. How did you first learn about Christ? Who reinforced the initial message you heard about Christ? How did they do this?
- Q2. Do you have reminders you carry with you that remind you or inspire you to keep your eyes on Christ? If so, what are they and how does it aid your walk? Can others see/hear them? Are they encouraged, too?
- Q3. When you think of your spiritual gifts and talents, did your father or a father-like figure instill, lead, encourage, and help you mature in the use of those gifts? Did God use your father to help you develop your spiritual gifts?
- Q4. Reread verse 5. Because of our sinful nature, we will never be perfect — especially in our love for Christ. What do you do when you find yourself struggling with this command? *Note: Struggling to love God may not be something we intentionally try to do, nor is it always a blatant disregard towards him.*
- Q5. What do you do daily to strengthen your walk and relationship with the Lord? When you look back, how has continuous and purposeful time devoted to the Lord deepened your relationship with him?

Q6. What is the risk of prosperity? (See verses 10-12.)

Q7. Verse 12 is a reminder to the Jews to not forget what the Lord rescued them from. What has the Lord rescued you from? How does that reminder help you deal with future circumstances and sharing your testimony?

Impact Questions

Q1. Why is it so important for fathers, or men in general, to be leaders: leaders in their families, the church, marriage, etc.? How might a (human) fatherly role embody God's role as our Heavenly Father?

Q2. What part of your testimony do you think would be the most impactful to the next generation? Are there any young people inside or outside of the church you could reach out to and grow in relationship to (mentor)?

Proverbs 4:3-5 (ESV) When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, ⁴ he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. ⁵ Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth."

What now? (15 minutes)

Passing on the legacy of Christ's love to us — to the next generation — is both deliberate and reverent. We are to love the Lord with all of our heart, all of our soul, and all of our strength. Pray that we are purposeful in the sharing of Christ to the youth and everyone who doesn't know Christ; that his example of love and truth would seep from our pores when we share our lives with others! Pray for a spirit of knowing and trust so when there are moments of uncertainty and skepticism, we are unphased because we are solely reliant on the Holy Spirit.

Closing Prayer (15 minutes)

Please continue to lift up VBS and the Park Ministry in prayer — about what their future needs may be and how you may get involved if the Lord is calling you to these ministries. Pray for the guidance of the leaders and all of those involved, that the Lord would supply them with every physical and spiritual need, to make an impact for his name's sake in the community. Pray how we as a church can be Christ-centered examples for the Youth of Northwest to look up to, and for the Youth as they continue on their paths as Christ molds their identity and as they discover their spiritual gifts and talents. Please pray that Northwest's involvement in the community would spread the Word and would inspire more people to come and worship with us.

Sermon Notes: