



Remember Jesse DeYoung Nov 23rd, 2025

// **Bible References:** Deut 6:10-12, 20-25; Matt 18:20

// **Community Question:** What is something in your life you are thankful for?

// **Discussion Questions**

1. Jesse mentions that 'what we remember shapes our decisions.' Can you think of a time when a memory influenced an important decision you made? Was that memory accurate or selective? How might your current decisions be influenced by incomplete or selective memories of past experiences?
2. How does gathering as a church community help strengthen our individual faith and memory of God's faithfulness? Can you share a specific time when being in church helped restore your faith or shift your perspective?
3. The Israelites used altars and festivals as ways to remember God's faithfulness. What are some practical ways we can create 'modern altars' in our lives to remember God's faithfulness?
4. **Going Deeper:** In Deuteronomy 6:10-12, 20-25. God warns the Israelites not to forget Him when they enter the promised land and inherit all the good things they did not build. Why do you think people tend to forget God's provision when life gets comfortable? Think about a time in your life when things were going well - how did it affect your memory of what God had done and your relationship with Him?

// **Challenge: Gratitude Practice:** Gratitude helps us see and remember Jesus in the middle of our everyday lives. Over the next week, make space each day to write down two or three things you're thankful for. They don't have to be big moments; maybe it's your dog greeting you at the door, a sunrise on your commute, a good cup of coffee, health, or time with family and friends.

After you add to your list, take a moment to pause and tell Jesus "Thank You" for those blessings. Gratitude shifts our focus from what's missing to where He's already working.

When your group meets next time, take a few minutes to share part of your list as encouragement to one another and help the group see Jesus more.