



WEEKEND RESOURCES | APRIL 23, 2023

Week Two | Remember

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE IN YOUR PERSONAL STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: Have you ever felt behind financially, relationally, or emotionally? Have you ever felt so behind that you didn't know how to start catching up? The more time went by, the more you lost hope. These are bottom-of-the-ninth moments. But when you feel down, don't lose hope. You're never out. You can still turn the game around.

» Main Points

- Remembering the light brings hope to the dark.
- In the dark, we focus on God's failures and not his faithfulness.
- God doesn't want you to doubt in the dark what you learned in the light.
- Remembering what God did for you in the light provides hope when you find yourself in the dark.

» Getting Started

- Share about a time when you were afraid of the dark. How did you overcome that fear?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [Joshua 3:15-4:9](#)
- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

reachout

- Take some time this week to figure out a way to celebrate with your neighbors. Maybe it's a simple note with a plate of cookies thanking them for being great neighbors, maybe it's planning a BBQ for this summer, maybe it's meeting kids coming home from school with popsicles. Find something to celebrate.

growdeep

- When life is going well, do you tend to plan and prepare for future challenges or just enjoy the moment? What are the strengths and weaknesses of your approach?
- Why is it difficult for people to remember the good things in their lives when they're facing a bottom-of-the-ninth moment?
- Reread Joshua 3:15-4:9. Who are the people in your life that might benefit from your reminders to what God has done in your life? How does knowing that your experiences might benefit others change the way you view the light and darkness in your life?
- It can be easy to forget what God did in the "light," but we rarely forget what he didn't do in the dark. To what extent does that feel true to you?

partner with families

- Take some time this week to look back on photos of your kids (or you as a kid) and talk through the excitement you felt, hopes, dreams, and worries. Discuss times in your parenting (or life as a kid) that were difficult and what they were like once time passed or after you gained perspective.

» Next Steps and Prayer

- What is one thing you can do this week to create a memorial of God's faithfulness in your life so that light can bring hope to the darkness in your life now or in the future?
- Close by praying that God would help you see the ways he is working in your life, even in the darkness.