

# Remember

## Gather (your tent getting to know each other)

As you begin this week, take a few moments and allow each person to answer one of the following questions. If this is your first week together, be sure to introduce yourself and give some background information about yourself.

- What do you know about your family ancestry?
- Share a favorite family story or a story that has been passed down through your family.

## Grow (your tent growing as Christ-followers)

- Read Joshua 24:1-13.
- Watch and discuss the "Episode One: Remember" teaching video.
- The Day 1 devotional encouraged us to remember, reflect, and journal on God's work in our life to this point. Share the parts of your story you wrote down? Go to the **Your Covenant Story** resource in the back of this book and complete the "Remember" section.
- In Joshua 24:7 God encourages Israel to remember what they've seen with their own eyes the work He did in Egypt. What have you personally seen God do in and through your life?
- In that same verse, God also acknowledges Israel's long wilderness journey. Many of us have experienced "wilderness" moments. These are times of difficulty, wandering without direction, or feeling uncomfortably distant from Jesus. Spend some time acknowledging your wilderness moments. How did you get through them?
- Joshua 24:8-12 highlights the hard-fought victories God provided for Israel. As you remember your story, share one or two victories God has won for you.
- As we look backwards in Israel's history, Genesis 12:1-3 records God's covenant promise of land, name, and nation to Abram (Abraham). How does Joshua 24:13 point to the fulfillment of this covenant promise? How has God fulfilled his promises in your life?
- Throughout Israel's history, they are called in various ways to remember the mighty works of God. Read Psalm 105:5-11 and Isaiah 44:21-23 and point out any "remembrance" language. What reminders do you have that prompt you toward giving thanks and worshipping the Lord?
- The early Church is also called to remember its story. Read Colossians 1:21-23 and take note of how Paul reminds the Colossians about that remembrance story.
  - you once were alienated and hostile in mind . . . (v. 21)
  - he has now reconciled . . . (v. 22)
  - you are holy and blameless . . . (v.22)
- Because of Jesus, we all have a remembrance story and are invited to share it with the world. Using Paul's words from Colossians 1, how would you finish the following phrases:
  - I once was . . .
  - Jesus has . . .
  - I am now . . .

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## Give (your tent serving each other)

- As Christ-followers, one of the most important ways we remember our Jesus story is by celebrating communion. Set aside some time in your gathering to read Luke 22:14-20 in remembrance of all that he has done and then participate in communion together. Let this lead you in to a time of prayer.

## Go (your tent on mission)

As you prepare to go and influence the world around you:

- Finish crafting your remembrance story and share it with someone this week.
- Write a note, send a text, or make a phone call and thank someone (family member, friend, spiritual mentor, small group member, boss, etc.) who has been influential in your life. Let them know specifically how they have helped you grow.
- Use the prayer exercise found in the Day Seven devotional as a daily prayer guide for the next week.
- Continue reading the 40-day experience.