

## BIG IDEA

We forget what we don't determine to remember.

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Spend the first 5 minutes of your Life Group in a time of reflection. How many blessings from God can you recall over the span of your life? Journal as many as you can, and then choose at least one you would like to share with the group.

How do you feel after spending a few minutes remembering? Is this a practice that you would like to do on a regular basis? Why or why not?

Your LG members can tweak this practice and use it on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. It works on an individual level as well as a group setting, so it is a family friendly practice!

**Read Deuteronomy 8:11-18**. Based on your understanding of this passage, why does God command us to remember? What do we risk when we fail to remember? God knows that we are in danger of becoming prideful if we do not remember his provision in our lives. When we start to believe that we are responsible for our own success, we will likely neglect our relationship with God which can only lead to disaster.

## WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

What kinds of things have you determined to remember? Are there things worth forgetting that you have been holding onto?

**Read Revelation 2:2-5.** Reflect on the way you felt when you first came to Christ. What has changed, if anything? How can remembering keep the beauty of God's love fresh in your heart?

This scripture shows us the words of Jesus to the Church in Ephesus. It is clear that the church in Ephesus has been very faithful in action, but has forgotten what Jesus had saved them from! The severe consequences of not repenting should give us a hint at how seriously God takes the command to remember what God has done.

Recall the parable of the lifesaving station from this week's message. How did this parable challenge you, personally?





## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

What practices do you have in place to help you remember God's work in your life? How can you involve your friends, children, and others in these practices?

There may be members in your group who do not have any practices in place. The reflection time you did together at the beginning of the group would be a great place to start.

**Read Ephesians 2:12-13.** Recall the moment when you first understood God's purpose for your life. Do the priorities of your life currently reflect the purpose that God has given you?

How do you plan to grow in your faith this summer?

This question will provide a great opportunity to discuss the following items with your Life Group:

- Your summer LG plans.
  - We encourage you to stay connected to discipleship and community this summer by meeting at least 4 times for Bible study, serving once, and having a fellowship night!
- Participating in <u>Harvest America</u>- June 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Pray
  - o Invite
  - o Bring
  - Serve
- Attending the Global Leadership Summit on August 10-11.