CONNECT GROUP GUIDE | 2017.04.23 "Ephesians #1: Those Who Remember"

ORGANIC CONVERSATION (WHAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP GATHERING?)

Were you challenged or encouraged in any way? How? Have you seen anything play out in your life recently?

FROM HEAD → HEART → HANDS (MAKING IT REAL)

Since God formed us, we've always been a people called to *remember*. To remember who our God is, what He's done, and how He's created us.

Think of a recent family reunion or a class reunion. What did you spend most of your time doing? Telling stories! Funny ones, naughty ones, sad ones. We leave those gatherings with renewed appreciation for what happened in the past and strengthened bonds with those you shared those memories with.

Take some time as a group to remember. Maybe it's telling the story of how God showed up in a big way for you. Maybe it's reading one of your favorite scriptures or stories from the Bible. Maybe you get crazy and even sing one of your favorite hymns or worship songs together! Vulnerable? Uncomfortable? Probably! Strengthening? Life-giving? Absolutely!

THE THREADS OF SCRIPTURE (ADDITIONAL BIBLE PASSAGES FOR STUDY/DISCUSSION) Scripture: Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

It's never pleasant to be reminded of our failures, especially a recent one. Thankfully, our job isn't bring more condemnation on each other (even if we are called to help correct and instruct other believers). We have the beautifully redemptive opportunity to remind each other of who we really are – redeemed sons and daughters of God who have been given a heavenly inheritance!

The 1 Corinthians verse above are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the identities we've been given in Christ. Take a few minutes together to think through Scripture of all the different promises God has given us as to who we are in Christ. Some of you may have a copy of the "Who I Am in Christ" brochure and could look up some scriptures from there! www.tinyurl.com/WhoIAmInChristPDF

STEP-BY-STEP (WHAT NOW?)

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