

SERMON SERIES DISCIPLING GUIDE

Series: Long Story Short • Remember to Remember • Mar. 16/17, 2019 • Speaker: Matt Boda

Introduction

We began a new sermon series called "Long Story Short". This weekend we focused on memory.

Matt mentioned that without memory - we are lost. We have a memory problem - spiritual amnesia - forgetting God's goodness and His sovereign authority over our lives.

Read Together

Read **Deuteronomy chapter 8** together, and take note of what jumps out to you. What strikes you from this chapter personally?

Matt described three things that come from Deut. 8 that will help us defeat our spiritual amnesia:

1. **Remember** - it's more than cognitive recall. it involves the mind, emotions and will. It's the action (or discipline) of looking back with purpose.
2. **Goodness** - Revisiting God's goodness in our lives is a huge part of overcoming spiritual amnesia.
3. **Temptation** - all of us are tempted to forget that God led us, fed us... and rather believe that we did it all ourselves.

Application

Thinking on these three things, how then shall we live? How do we respond?

Take the bulk of your time to simply remember, because each of you have a story. Then take some time in your groups to **share your "long story short"**.

- In what ways has God been good to you in your past?
- What do you think of when you examine your story, and God's goodness?
- In what ways did God intervene or give you power and ability to walk the right way, His way, rather than go down a "Godless" pathway?

Celebrate with each other, and pray together, giving thanks to God for all He has done for us.

Simple suggestions for this week (does one jump out to you as something you should do?):

1. Journalling. Writing down all the things God has done.
2. Share your story with someone.
3. Pray, thanking God for the ways in which He has shaped your story, and thanking God for our story, the people of God.