

JULY 16 & 17 WEEK 4 HELPS US REMEMBER

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A life verse is an <u>anchor</u> for our souls.

What does a life verse do?

1. Gives you encouragement

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. *Romans* 8:28

"God's purpose is always to change our character." Bill Miller

2. Transforms you.

"He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less." John 3:30

"If you don't know what God says about your identity as His child, or the promises He makes, you may feel like you're always climbing uphill." Greg Coble

3. Brings you back to God .

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." *Psalm* 46:10

"When bad things happen, your entire world doesn't have to unravel because you're rooted in God." Jeff Johnson

4. Brings peace and contentment .

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by **prayer** and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the **peace** of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts, and minds in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:6-7*

In the absence of God's Word, we _____ forget

"The only way we ever sin is suppressing God, by forgetting, by tuning out his voice, switching channels, and listening to other voices. When you actually remember, you actually change. In fact, remembering is the first change." David Powlison

A life verse forces us to <u>remember</u> the <u>faithfulness</u> of God. In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people - an agreement confirmed with my blood. **Do this in remembrance of me** as often as you drink it." 1 Corinthians 11:25

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What we remember _____ matters

When in your life do you remember God showing up in a big way?

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 1 *Peter 3*:15

We need to remember because our story matters to <u>others</u>.

Be confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. *Philippians* 1:6

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Romans 4:1-15	MONDAY Romans 4:16-5:5	TUESDAY Romans 5:6-21
this week	july 17	july 18	july 19
WEDNESDAY Romans 6:1-23	THURSDAY Romans 7:1-16	FRIDAY Romans 7:17-8:8	SATURDAY Romans 8:9-21
july 20	july 21	july 22	july 23
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE Philippians 4:6-7			





For Group Discussion Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Check-in

Last Week's Action Step

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

Discussion Questions

1. Share a moment you have locked away in your memory (childhood, sports/ activities, wedding day, etc.) that you feel will stick with you forever. What is it about this memory that makes you feel it will stand the test of time?

2. Matt said, "When we fail to remember what God has done, we have a tendency to seek satisfaction elsewhere." Have you experienced this for yourself? If so, where did you go? What did you do? What was the long-term affect?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 11:25-26. Jesus knew some memories would help shape us – our thoughts, our actions, our choices, and our behaviors. Where do you remember God showing up in your life in a big way?

Read 1 Peter 3:15. Do you believe your story has the power to impact others and point them to God? Why or why not?

4. For more than 2000 years, God has used the stories of His people to do His work. What will you do this week to build things into your life to help you remember God? Who needs to hear your story about how God showed up in your life? What will you do to share your story in the coming week? Small Group Questions Continued

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are_____

I'm accountable for_____, and their action steps are

My memory verse is_____

This coming week, I'm praying for:

Outreach: Groups in Action

OUR CHURCH

To ensure our safety and protection, we need volunteers to help with our medical response and security teams. The Franklin campus needs medical response and security team members. The Greenwood campus needs more security volunteers, as well. Contact Eric Laehle at elaehle@eclife.org.

OUR COMMUNITY

Shepherd Community is in need of the following items for back to school supplies: 1" binders, glue sticks, mini white boards, and dry erase markers. Drop any items off to the Outreach or Information Desks.

OUR WORLD

Please pray for the Emmanuel team traveling to Haiti July 16th-24th. This will be an action packed week for the team – including a visit with those impacted by Project La Gonave. Keep up with our team through photos and updates on Facebook. Like our page: Emmanuel Church- Impact: Outreach.