

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 9th January 2022
Sermon Title: Remember
Bible Passage: Psalm 105:1-45

Introduction

Think about a time when someone showed you a great act of kindness or service.

- How did you respond to them? Did you share the news with others?
- Did it shape your attitude towards the person in the future?

Recapping the Preach

Stu began by pointing out that it is important for us to remember the things that God has done and that we are susceptible to forgetting what God has done. Setting the Psalm in the context of 1 Chronicles 13-16, Stu highlighted that the main theme is remembrance, tracing God's faithfulness to Israel.

- 'We tend to remember the things we should forget and forget the things we should remember' - do you think this is true? Can you think of moments when you have done this?
- Read Deuteronomy 8:11-14. Why does Moses encourage the people to not forget God? Do you think there is a tendency in your life to 'forget God' when all is going well?

Stu summarised the Psalm as an encouragement to remember God who is faithful, promise making, promise keeping God, mysterious in his ways but ever mindful of his people and ever planning ahead for our good and ever meeting our needs. He broke the Psalm into 5 sections with each section encouraging us to remember something specifically. The sections are: vs.8-11, vs. 12-15, vs.16-22, vs.23-38 and vs.39-42.

- Read through each section: what is the Psalmist encouraging us to remember about God in each section?
- What promises of God do you need to remember in this season?
- Why would you say it is important to remember this aspect of God's grace?
- How does remembering God's deeds in our past, encourage us for the future?

Stu closed by talking about our response to God's wonderful acts of grace as described in vs.1-7 and vs.43-45.

- How does the Psalm encourage us to respond to God's wonderful works in our past? What emotions should characterise our response?
- Consider the exhortation to 'proclaim', 'make known' and 'tell'. What are we to proclaim? Who are we to tell?
- Read Genesis 12:3, 1 Kings 8:41-43, Psalm 67:1-4. What is the Old Testament visions for 'nations' and 'peoples of the earth'?

The story of God's redeeming work for Israel looks forward to His saving work at the cross.

- What is the climax of God's awesome works for humankind (Galatians 4:4, Ephesians 1:3-10)?
- How should the church respond to and participate in God's saving work (Acts 13:47, Romans 15:8-12, 1 Corinthians 14:22b-25)?

Response

- Is there anything from the preach and passage that you will be taking away to reflect on or work on?
- Journalling - get into the HABIT of journalling and keeping a record of answered prayers and the way God is working in your life.

Prayer pointers

- Take time to share prayer requests and pray for one another.
- Pray that we would remember God's work in our past, in order that our faith for the future may be strengthened.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>