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**SERIES TITLE:** Defining Moments

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### **REMEMBER**

#### **Introduction**

This week, we continued our series that will take us from now until Easter called **Defining Moments**. Throughout the Gospel of Mark, we see story after story of ordinary people encountering Jesus and having to make real, everyday decisions about who Jesus is and what He calls them to. These moments **define** these people, as their lives get changed when they encounter the King. Through this series, we are going to be unpacking these **Defining Moments** in the Gospel of Mark and how our own **Defining Moments** with Jesus shape our lives today.

**Seek the Word:** Before discussing this week's questions, read through Mark 14:12-31 out loud as a group. What stands out to you from this passage?

### **REMEMBER**

*How good is your memory? What are the things that are the easiest for you to remember, and what are the things you struggle to remember? Where does remembering God and His work land on that spectrum?*

- **Remember God's Faithfulness Behind Us**
  - When was a time that God showed extreme faithfulness to you? What do you remember about that impact, and how did/does it affect your relationship with God?
  - How does your past with God influence your decision making in the present and your perspective on the future?
  
- **Remember the Cross Before Us**
  - In the sermon we learned that the cross reminds us (1) we are forgiven, (2) we are loved, and (3) we are saved. Which of these is the strongest reminder when you think of the cross? Which is the most difficult to remember?
  - What is your mindset when it comes to our weekly time of taking communion as a church? How does the reality of what Jesus did on the cross play into your engagement with this spiritual habit?
  
- **Remember the Kingdom Ahead of Us**
  - How does the future promise of God's Kingdom impact your current life situations (struggles, successes, hopes, failures)?
  - Do you believe that Jesus is coming back in victory? What does that belief do for your faith today?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* **Jesus' sacrifice brings us hope, and hope is worth remembering.** It is through Jesus that our past, present, and future can be redefined to be a story of hope, of peace, of faith, and of victory. Remembering the faithfulness of God, the saving work on the cross, and the promise of God's Kingdom is what secures us in this life and prepares us for the next. It is what sustains us through difficult seasons and focuses us during times of joy. It is easy to forget, for we are a forgetful people, but when we intentionally remember who God is and what He has done, our past, present, and future become a collection of **defining moments** for our lives.

### *Challenge:* Practice Remembrance

Each day this week, take some time to remember each of the three things that we talked about this week. Focus on God's faithfulness to you in the past, the cross of Jesus that gives us hope in our present, and the coming of God's Kingdom that defines our future. Be prayerful, be worshipful, be thankful, and then be active to allow your remembering to shape how you live each day.

*Prayer:* Close your time together praying prayers of thanks for what God has done: for His love, His faithfulness, His forgiveness, His salvation, and His promises. Take some time to praise Jesus for His sacrifice on the cross, and the resurrection that conquered death. And pray prayers of hope for the coming of God's Kingdom and for those who have yet to believe, that they would come to know who Jesus is and what He has done for them.