



Looking Back, Moving Forward | Psalm 78:1-8

1. Chris described the New Year as a "doorway moment." Where do you personally feel caught between what has been and what will be right now? When you think about the past year, what emotions surface most easily for you - gratitude, regret, hope, anxiety, something else?
2. Why do you think moments of transition make us especially vulnerable to either living in the past or rushing into the future?

Looking Back: Remembering What God Has Done

3. What stands out to you about why God's people are commanded to remember? Chris said, "Biblical remembering is not nostalgia; testimony tells the truth." What's the difference between nostalgia and truthful remembrance in your own life? Where have you seen God's faithfulness in the past year - even if the year itself felt mixed or difficult?
4. Why do you think forgetting God's faithfulness is such a spiritual danger according to Psalm 78? How can remembering past pain without seeing God's hand distort our view of Him?

Living Now: Trusting the God Who Is

5. How has remembering God's past faithfulness strengthened (or weakened) your present trust? Chris suggested we often trust God most easily in hindsight. What makes trusting God "in real time" more difficult? Where in your life right now do you feel stuck in the unfinished - unanswered prayer, unresolved pain, or slow progress? What does it look like to trust God without pretending everything is fine?

Moving Forward: Passing On a Living Faith

6. Psalm 78 repeatedly emphasises "...so the next generation would know." Who is the "next generation" God has placed in your life? How does the way you live your faith now shape what others believe about God?
7. "Faith is often caught before it is understood." Who first modelled faith for you, and what did you learn by watching them? What risks are there if we try to pass on a faith that looks perfect instead of honest? What might it look like for our church/community to tell God's story truthfully this year?
8. Pick one word best describes how you want to step into this new year? e.g. Anchored. Dependent. Hopeful. Obedient. Faith-filled? How would you complete this sentence as a prayer? "God, help me remember _____ so that I can trust You with _____."



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

