

Field Guide and Leader Guide 9.6.26

Family Matters

Synopsis

We can remember what happened and still forget what it meant. We know the stories. We remember the answered prayers, the unexpected provision, and the seasons when God carried us through. But then another crisis comes, and we panic like we've never seen Him come through before. Psalm 78 challenges us to consider whether what we remember about God actually shapes how we live. Does His past faithfulness influence how we face today's uncertainty? Remembering goes deeper than knowing the facts. It changes where we put our hope.

And those memories are meant to be shared. God calls His people to tell the next generation what He has done so they can learn to trust Him, too. That responsibility reaches beyond parents and grandparents. We are a church family with stories worth passing on. Stories of answered prayer, grace after failure, and God's presence when life hurt. We cannot tell the next generation exactly how their struggles will turn out, but we can help them know the God who will meet them there.

When one generation remembers God's faithfulness, the next generation learns to hope in Him.

Questions

1. **Where are you struggling to let God's past faithfulness shape how you face your present circumstances?**
 - What tends to make you forget God's faithfulness when a new challenge comes?
 - What would trusting Him look like in one decision you need to make this week?
2. **What story of God's faithfulness in your life does the next generation need to hear?**
 - What did that experience teach you about God's character?
 - How could sharing the hard or unfinished parts of your story help someone else trust Him?
3. **How will you help someone in the next generation learn to put their hope in God this week?**
 - Who is one person you can intentionally share your story with this week?
 - What could that person learn about God by watching how you respond to difficulty or admit a mistake?

Scripture References: Psalm 78:1–4 | Psalm 78:5–8

Conclusion

What will the people coming behind us know about God because they knew us? They may know our opinions, our routines, and the things that frustrate us. Let's make sure they also know why we trust Him. We don't need polished testimonies or stories with every loose end tied up. We can honestly say, "That season was hard. I didn't understand everything. But God was faithful, and here's how He carried me."

This week, remember something worth telling, and tell someone who needs to hear it. Share the answered prayer. Talk about the grace you received. Explain what helped you keep trusting when the answer looked different than you hoped. Above all, point to Jesus and the empty tomb. Our hope rests in the Savior who defeated death. One day, another generation will face its own uncertainty. Let's give them reasons to remember His faithfulness and put their hope in Him.