

Notes for home study – week beginning 8th November 2015

Remembering

Feel free to use as much or as little as you wish. These notes are deliberately more meditative. Don't try to fill all the time with Bible study.

What is your first memory? *Ask the members of the group*

Why is remembering important to us?

Read: 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 (This is also recorded as parts of psalms 96, 105, and 106)

What was the point of their remembering?

Prayer in quiet (maybe play some nice music) – spend a few minutes thinking back from that earliest memory onwards, through significant events in your life. Notice the 'coincidences'; the times when difficult decisions were made; without dwelling too long on difficult times, try to remember the feelings you had.

This can take all day – good way to use a quiet day - this is just a taster!

Read: Romans 8:31-39

Spend some more time in quiet, delighting in this God who will not let us go, and determining to trust him more and more.

Read: Luke 23: 39-46

'Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom'. Think of 'remember' not as the opposite of 'forget' but as the opposite of 'dis-member'.

Are there areas of your life where you are falling apart? What about the life of our society, nation, world?

How might Jesus re-member us and (through us?) the world?

See Luke 23:46; Mark 15:33-34 – Jesus dismembered that we might be re-membered. Cut off from God not because of his sine but because of ours.

Spend some time in prayer, and some in quiet (maybe music playing). Take strength from God's presence, power, and love for you and for those for whom we pray.