

Discussion questions

Remembering God's Faithfulness - November 2018

(28 October - 1 December)

For the next five weeks during the Season of Remembrance we will invite our writers to help us reflect on how we can prepare ourselves to deal with the days of trouble when they come in our lives. The theme brings to our remembrance the fragility of our world and that nothing lasts for ever. God is renewing and reconciling his creation into a new and lasting vision of hope and wholeness.

The following discussion questions are designed to accompany the [Remembering God's Faithfulness Resource Pack](#) to help adapt the material for small group work. These questions are just a guideline and there is no need to go through all questions in a single session, or in the following sequence. Feel free to pick and choose what interests your group.

Part 1: The Faithfulness of God		
Read Job 42: 1-6 Is it possible to ever totally understand God?	Read Jeremiah 31: 7-9 and Lamentations 3: 22-29 Can you think of a time when you've experienced the painfulness of God?	Read Luke 10: 25-37 What does the story of the Good Samaritan teach us about fairness?

Part 2: Remembering Loyalty and Love		
<p>Read Ruth 1: 1-18</p> <p>Share the part of the story that has touched you emotionally the most.</p>	<p>Read Deuteronomy 6: 1-9</p> <p>Thinking on the story of the Dunkirk evacuation, can you see parallels with the story of the way God touched the history of Israel?</p> <p>Does God act in history?</p>	<p>Read Psalm 119: 1-8</p> <p>What are the advantages in 'hanging in' when things are tough?</p>

Part 3: Protection and Redemption		
<p>Read Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17</p> <p>Protection and redemption can be costly.</p> <p>What do you think drives people to step out beyond their comfort zone to help another?</p> <p>Is God at work in all our lives? Or just the faithful?</p>	<p>Read 1 Kings 17: 8-16</p> <p>Don't despise the generous poor.</p> <p>Why would God put a poor widow under pressure to feed his prophet?</p>	<p>Read Mark 12: 38-44</p> <p>So is it all about what you give?</p> <p>Or is it more about what you have left?</p>

Part 4: Faith and Expectation		
<p>Read 1 Samuel 1: 4-20</p> <p>Should we ever give up on asking God for something good in our lives?</p>	<p>Read 1 Samuel 2:1-10 and Luke 1: 46-55</p> <p>Does God have a bias for the poor and the underdog?</p>	<p>Read Hebrews 10: 19-25</p> <p>How do we sustain our Christian lives when we think we may have been believing in the wrong things?</p>

Part 5: Longing and Anticipation

Read 2 Samuel 23: 1-7

In this reading we are encouraged to see that God finishes what he starts.

How should we relate this to our lives?

Read Revelation 1: 4-8

What does the Bible mean when we read about the coming Kingdom?

Read John 18: 33-37

How can the Kingdom come if the king is rejected?