

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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OF PEACE**
Called to Connect



Remember

May 25-29, 2019

Memorial Day, as Americans have come to know it, began in the years immediately following the Civil War. But until World War II most people knew it as “Decoration Day.” It was a day to decorate with flowers and flags the graves of fallen soldiers and remember those who had given, as Abraham Lincoln once said, “the last full measure of devotion” to defend their nation. It was a day to remember what the honored dead had died to defend.

SCRIPTURE TEXT : PSALM 77:11-20

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

From the beginning, humans have been a remembering people; a memorial people. Our Hebrew ancestors and the Christ-followers after them knew this well. Our whole faith depends upon remembering. We’ve been called to remember the scriptures to write them on our hearts. We’ve been called to remember the Sabbath, a memorial to Israel’s freedom from Egyptian slavery as well as Christ’s resurrection and our freedom from the power of our broken condition. We’ve been called to remember the meal Jesus shared with his followers as we celebrate communion, we remember our baptism, and through that the gift of resurrection power in our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are some of your earliest memories of Memorial Day Weekend and how did you celebrate it?
- Did your faith community celebrate Memorial Day? How did they bridge the gap between the national holiday and a spirited experience?
- In what ways does the psalmist demonstrate a model for remembering?
- How does the call to remember the faithfulness of God impact us?

APPLICATION: As we celebrate Memorial Day and remember those that gave it all for our freedom, awoken to each new day of this week, repeat this simple mantra: *“To remember where God has led us is to trust where God is leading us.”*