

ENCORE Discoveries

1. As a group, list at least five “monumental” events described in the Bible. These could be “natural disasters” or human acts that impacted people.

2. Choose one of the events above and answer the following questions:
 - a. What was monumental about the event?

 - b. How did/do the people remember the event (memorials, etc.)?

 - c. What value, if any, was/is there in remembering the event?

 - d. What would be the results if the event were forgotten?

3. Study the following passage on dealing with the past: Philippians 3:12-14. Discuss the balance between remembering the past but not living in the past.

4. How can dwelling on past events negatively affect our future?

5. What are some things that we can do to encourage people to press forward, leaving the past behind?

Theme: Worship Through Service

Monday

Write down some of the thoughts you had shortly after the events of 9-11. How have those thoughts changed after four years?

Tuesday

Our country has gone through some significant events in the past few years. How have these events impacted our Nation? Why?

Wednesday

What “memorials” have you set up in your life? Do you have something to remind you of your salvation experience? marriage? the birth of children? accomplishments? How do they help you press forward?

Thursday

What are some things that you need to forget (Phil. 3:12-14)? What will you replace those thoughts with?

Friday

Why are trials allowed to come into our lives? Consider James 1:2-3. How does this truth help with forgetting things in the past?

Saturday

“LORD, help our Nation to press forward! Help *me* to press forward. Give me the wisdom and the discipline to use the past to better prepare for the future. Thank You for Your perfect plan for my life.”
