



Personal Bible Study Guide: The Power of a Memory

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Purpose

This personal Bible study guide is designed to help you reflect on the themes of the sermon "The Power of a Memory." Through scripture reading, reflection, and prayer, you will explore the significance of remembering God's promises, experiencing His peace, and trusting in His power for the future.

Materials Needed

- A Bible
- A journal or notebook
- A pen or pencil
- A quiet space for reflection

Study Outline

1. Opening Prayer

- Begin your study with a prayer, asking God to open your heart and mind to His Word. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reflections and insights.

2. Scripture Reading and Reflection

- Read [Luke 2:15-19](#)
 - Reflect on Mary's response to the events surrounding Jesus' birth. Consider the significance of her treasuring and pondering these moments.
 - **Reflection Questions:**
 1. What does it mean to "treasure" and "ponder" God's work in your life?
 2. How can you make space in your life to reflect on God's presence and promises?
- Read [Micah 5:2](#) and [Isaiah 7:14](#)
 - Consider how these prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus' birth and what this reveals about God's faithfulness.
 - **Reflection Questions:**
 1. How do these fulfilled prophecies strengthen your faith in God's promises?
 2. What promises from God are you holding onto in your life right now?

3. Personal Reflection: Memories of God's Faithfulness

- Spend time journaling about a memory where you experienced God's faithfulness or peace. Reflect on how this memory has shaped your faith journey.
- **Prompt:** Write about a specific time when you felt God's peace in a chaotic situation. How did this experience impact your relationship with God?

4. Trusting God with the Future

- Reflect on the sermon's message about trusting God with the future, even when it seems uncertain.
- **Reflection Questions:**
 1. What are some challenges you face in trusting God with your future?
 2. How can remembering God's past faithfulness help you trust Him more?

5. Prayer and Commitment

- Conclude your study with a prayer, asking God to help you remember His faithfulness and trust Him with your future. Commit to spending time in reflection and prayer throughout the week.
- **Prayer Prompt:** "Lord, help me to treasure the memories of Your faithfulness and to trust in Your promises for my future. Grant me peace in the present and confidence in Your plans. Amen."

6. Optional: Further Study

- Consider reading the Gospel of John over the next month, focusing on how Jesus fulfills God's promises.
- Reflect on how the life and teachings of Jesus reveal God's character and faithfulness.

Additional Tips

- Set aside a regular time each week for personal Bible study and reflection.
- Use this guide as a starting point, and feel free to adapt it to your personal needs and spiritual journey.
- Consider sharing your insights and reflections with a trusted friend or mentor for encouragement and accountability.

This personal Bible study guide is designed to deepen your understanding of God's faithfulness and encourage you to trust Him with your future. May it be a time of growth and spiritual renewal.

