

Session 4: Prophetic Remembering

Truth-Telling, Responsibility, and Neighboring

Hope grows where memory becomes action.

Hope and Remembering

- Hope is participation in what God is doing.
- Remembering is a spiritual discipline that keeps hope grounded.
- Scripture forms communities through truthful memory rather than nostalgia.

Why Remembering Matters

- Israel survives by telling the truth about deliverance and failure.
- Selective memory weakens faith and distorts relationships.
- Indifference slowly erodes moral energy and communal responsibility.

The Risk of Indifference

- Indifference is not neutral.
- When nothing is worth remembering, nothing is worth changing.
- Faithful remembering keeps hearts responsive to suffering and injustice.

Scripture Focus: Micah 6

- Notice how this starts with remembering.
- Practice: Lectio Divina
 - Read slowly.
 - Listen for a word that challenges or encourages you.
 - Justice points toward right relationship.
 - Kindness reflects covenant loyalty. Humility means living truthfully before God.

Prophetic Imagination

- The prophets help communities see reality clearly while also imagining God's promised future.
- Remembering God's faithfulness energizes courage for present action.

Remembering the Future

- Faith holds promised futures so vividly that they reshape present choices.
- Hope becomes practiced memory rather than abstract optimism.

Truth-Telling as Discipleship

- Truth is communal and relational.
- Faithful remembering requires listening, correction, and repentance.

- Humility allows communities to grow toward deeper honesty.

Memory Shapes Action

- Exodus memory informed justice practices in Israel.
- Jesus remembered Israel's story while widening belonging through table fellowship.

Prophetic Neighboring

Neighboring is relationship over rescue. It involves long-term presence, shared stories, and mutual learning rather than episodic charity.

Public Discipleship

- Faith takes visible form through habits, partnerships, and shared responsibility.
- Hope is embodied in ordinary commitments to the wellbeing of others.

Remembering

- Saturday Sanctuary
- Afghan Refugees
- Our own care ministries

Reflection Questions:

- Where have you seen remembering change people or communities—for good or bad?
- Who are the truth tellers in your life?
- Name something being forgotten or distorted in your social world.
- Reflect on what truthful care might look like in response to hope.
- Who needs to be heard in your context?
- Is there a piece of your history or a Bible story that inspires your hope?