

Memorials are used as a focus to remember something. God knows how easy it is for people to forget.

Every time the sun shines on moisture in the air, a rainbow appears. Genesis 9:12-16 is where God institutes the rainbow as a sign of his covenant - to help us remember.

What things have you put in place to help you remember special events? How important is it in your life to have special reminders? How important is it to other people?

Growing up, my father would stop the car a mile down the road whenever he saw a "Historical marker ahead" sign. Sometimes the markers were hidden by tall grass. We would call them "hysterical markers" between ourselves since nobody could get back into the car until the marker was found. As a child it was often difficult to grasp the significance of the event documented on the marker.

Read Joshua 4:21-22.

The next book, Judges, chronicles the downward spiral of the nation of Israel.

How can we make significant events of the past relevant to our children?

Even more importantly, how can we bring focus to the life-giving difference Jesus makes in our lives?

Is there an event in your life where God had a big impact?

Are there ways to create a memorial or a tradition to not only remember to honor God, but share it?

If no personal events come to mind, think about what are events to remember mentioned in the Bible.

Are there ways to create a memorial or a tradition to remember and sustain the meaning of what happened?

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Sermon Notes

