



# SMALL GROUP

Leader's guide

# Hello, welcome to #RememberWhen!

## Do you remember when God did something special in your life?

It doesn't have to be something big or miraculous, as even the smallest of moments can have a huge impact when we look back and remember God's faithfulness.

Sharing Jesus with our friends, family, colleagues and neighbours needn't be a daunting task. We don't all have to memorise apologetics arguments or learn Bible passages in the original Greek. But we can all remember moments, big or small, when God has been at work in our lives – and sharing these can often have a significant impact on others.

Throughout the Bible, God's people were encouraged to remember what He had done for them. We all have that same ability to remember God's goodness, faithfulness, grace, and love for us today.

Whether it was a prayer answered last week, a friend healed last month or a time when God spoke through scripture, we are called to be a community that remembers when God has been faithful to us. We are a community that God demonstrates His character to and through, proving that He still keeps the promises He made in the Bible. Sharing memories of what God has done in our lives helps to show others that God is active and relevant in our time.

We can't wait to see how God uses you and your church to make Jesus known in our land, as we **#RememberWhen** together. Let's pray that it would be the start of our friends, families, colleagues and neighbours having their own stories of remembering when...

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# How to #RememberWhen



**#RememberWhen** is a campaign for churches to encourage Christians to remember stories of God's faithfulness and share those stories with others. To support the campaign, we've designed a series of small group sessions complete with activities, questions and prayer prompts. We've also included some tips and suggested timings for running an online small group in this pack, but whether you're meeting online or offline, here's a guide to what you'll find in each session.

## WATCH VIDEO

Each session starts with a five-minute video that you can either stream from the website or download ahead of time to show your group. This video helps introduce you to the topic for that session and there will be questions later on to reflect on what's been said.

## DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...?

To kick off the discussion, we refer to some key events from our cultural history, asking people to remember and retell their experiences of those shared moments. Do feel free to change the topic if it doesn't work for you and your group.

## SETTING THE SCENE

To help people engage with the topic, we encourage you to think through an opening question, before reading and exploring the Bible together. It can be useful to invite people to share their initial thoughts and see what ideas people are bringing to the table.

## READ BIBLE PASSAGE

Each week, we'll focus on different passages in the Bible that explore the theme of remembering and retelling our stories of God's faithfulness. Encourage people to bring their Bible to each session.



## REFLECT

The questions in these sections will lead you to reflect on either the Bible passages or videos, and ask what God might be saying. It's an opportunity for everyone to engage with God's word and be reminded of its impact in our lives today.

## #REMEMBERWHEN

After the Bible reading and discussion, we suggest different tools and activities each week to help the group individually and collectively explore your own **#RememberWhen** moments and how to share them.

## PRAY

Feel free to use the prayer prompts that we've suggested or design your own prayer time – whatever works best for your group.

## ACT

We know that change doesn't always happen immediately, as much as we might like it to. That's why we've suggested a little challenge or activity for the week, to help people put into practice what you've been talking and thinking about.

# Hosting #RememberWhen online

Given that many churches now host small groups via video call, we want to make sure **#RememberWhen** is as easy to use online as it is in person. Accessibility is key in ensuring everyone can join in as we remember stories of God's faithfulness, so we've put together some tips to help you make the most of the online space with your group.

**Work out which platform works best for your group.** There are tonnes of options out there so it's worth doing some research to see what features you need – things like breakout rooms – and whether you want to pay for the service.

**Make sure everyone in your group has the correct details to join the call.** It's really helpful to be as clear as possible about how to join the call, at what time, and how long it will be. Meeting online can be draining, so consider keeping activities shorter than you might do in person.



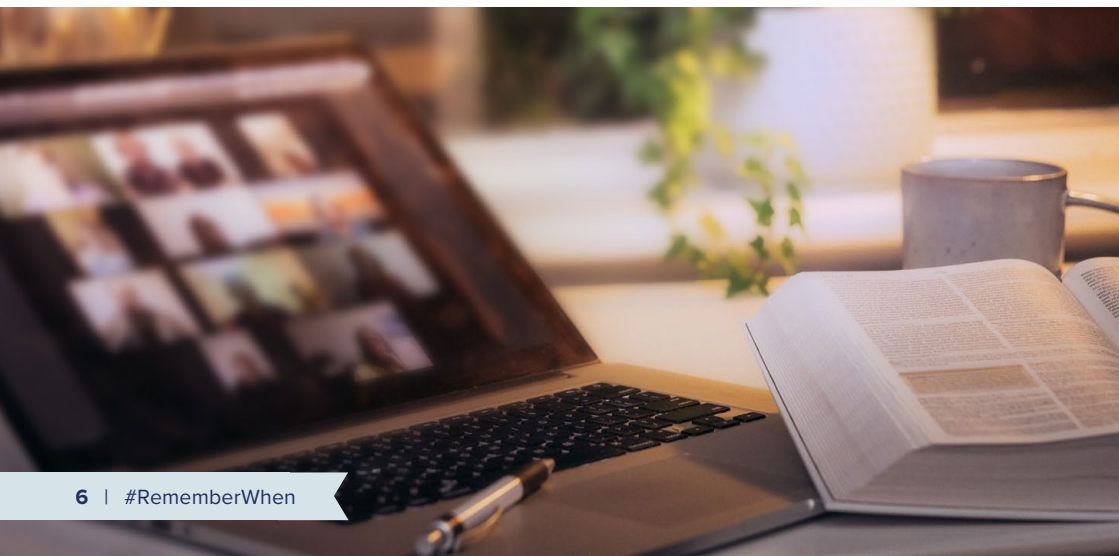
**Ensure your group has some digital ground rules.** As people join the call, it's helpful to get them in the habit of muting themselves when they're not speaking. That means you shouldn't get background noise disturbing what someone might be trying to say. You could also introduce practices such as raising your hand if you have something to say to avoid people jumping in and accidentally cutting others off.

**Give people ample time to prepare.** Given the limitations of the online space and the possibility of having a short meeting time, it could help for your group to come with thoughts and reflections already in mind. Make sure that your group have all downloaded the **#RememberWhen** Small Group User's Manual if they want to have a look in advance, and perhaps encourage everyone to watch the video on their own before you meet together.

**Be prepared to keep the conversation going.** One of the most challenging aspects of running an online session is that conversation might not feel as organic as it does when we're in the same room. Don't be afraid of silence as some people may not feel comfortable jumping in, but equally try to avoid a couple of people dominating the conversation. It might require you to proactively host the discussion, prompting specific people to contribute to make sure everyone has a chance to make a contribution.

**Leave space for prayer.** We hope you enjoy chatting through the content prepared in each session, but try to avoid letting the conversation spill over into prayer time. It can feel a little awkward over a video call, but it's always worth leaving space to pray for one another and explore what God may be saying to your group.

**Have fun.** The reality is that you will know your group much better than we do. You know where they're at on their spiritual journey, what makes them tick, how they best engage, and how they like to have fun. Don't be afraid to mix up the content so it works for your group in an online context. The key thing is that you all enjoy the process of remembering stories of God's faithfulness and preparing to share them together!





# Remember when God...

The first session will explore the power of remembering and reflecting on the remarkable story that we carry as God's people. What has God done for us as a community, and what are those key **#RememberWhen** moments for each of us?

WATCH **PHIL: A SIGN OF COMMITMENT** (5 min)

## DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...? (5 min)

Ask the group if they remember the first Clap for Carers at the beginning of the coronavirus lockdown in March 2020? Or the first time they could see friends and family again as lockdown eased? How did it feel to celebrate our frontline workers or to see loved ones? How do they feel now as they reminisce?

## SETTING THE SCENE (5 min)

Ask the group: What comes to mind when you think about actively remembering God's faithfulness? In what moments or settings have you previously been encouraged to do this?

Encourage the group to write down their thoughts down in their journals.

READ | **REMEMBERING THE EXODUS** | Deuteronomy 6:20–23

## REFLECT (5 min)

Encourage the group to discuss the following questions based on the passage. We have offered some key ideas you might want to draw out.

### Why does God instruct the Israelites to remember?

If you were going to give one key instruction to help build and establish a nation, you might not think of asking them to remember the past. For many of us, our recent history

in lockdown may feel overwhelming or painful to remember. But God knows that there is power in asking His people to remember their history, because it continually reminds them that He has been faithful, and He will always be faithful. From the foundations of His faithfulness in the past, God wants to establish His people in the future.

### What does it teach us about the power of remembering as a community?

While we may now have the benefit of hindsight, the Israelites were likely to be quite scared and hesitant about where God was taking them once they'd left Egypt. Remembering was a key tool that God gave His people to unite them with one another, and Himself, as they embarked on this journey together.

READ | **REMEMBERING THE LORD'S FAITHFULNESS** | Psalm 105:1–15

## REFLECT (5 min)

### How might remembering be considered as an act of worship?

The psalmist reflects on actions of God in the past in such a way that it leads Him into worship. Remembering what God has done in our lives is a natural step into thanking and praising Him for all He's done. For those who may have particularly painful memories, this can be a chance to seek healing and thank God for His presence with us in all circumstances.

### When have you remembered a promise of God in hardship, or seen Him be faithful against the odds?

Many times in the psalms, we see David feeling like He has run out of steam to live God's way. He faces opposition on every side, and He doesn't see how he can grow into the fullness of who God is calling him to be. But it is in these very moments when we are most tired and hopeless that we see God do the greatest things. These are moments when we truly experience the God that we see in the Bible entering into our suffering and creating something beautiful, calling us forward into a life that honours His character and is in line with His word. Encourage your group to reflect on times when they may have been at the end of themselves but they saw God remain true to His promises to provide, to protect, to sustain, to encourage as they pursue Him.

## TEACHING NOTE

As your group share stories with each other, it may be necessary for you to help them think through how God's truth and guidance from scripture can play a role. For example, someone in the group may say they were really annoyed by a friend and God told them to punch the friend to resolve the situation. This is an extreme example, but in a case like this we may need to encourage our group to consider what scripture tells us about God's character and whether the outcome we claim is from Him is actually in line with His nature. We want to help ensure that your group are reflecting on stories that truly reflect the heart of God so that when they share them with friends who don't know Jesus, they are offering a secure understanding of who God really is.

Think back to the video from the beginning of the session

## REFLECT (10 min)

Ask the group:

- Phil makes the connection between his commitment to his wife and God's commitment to us. How does it make you feel when you remember that God has committed Himself to you?
- Phil's ring regularly reminds him of the commitment he's made in marriage. What practices could you put in place to daily remember God's commitment to you and yours to Him, such as collecting pebbles in a jar as a symbol of the Ebenezer stones (1 Samuel 7:12)?

## #REMEMBERWHEN (5 min)

Invite each person in the group to do the following activity individually: using the timeline in the manual, add in key memories of when you experienced God at work in your life. These could be moments such as when God answered a prayer, when you experienced the presence of God, or the moment when you first decided to follow Jesus. As you think about those moments, how have they had an impact on your faith in God? How did you experience God in those times? These memories are your **#RememberWhen** moments of God in your life, which we will come back to next time.



## SUMMARY

From the Exodus to the Passover to the Last Supper, we are called to be a people who remember God's faithfulness in the past so that we grow our love for Him today and trust in Him tomorrow.

## PRAY

- Encourage your group to spend time in an attitude of thankfulness to God. Thank Him for His faithfulness throughout history, His faithfulness to your community, and ask your group to pray out their gratitude for moments when He has been faithful in each of their lives.

## ACT

Suggest an activity for people to do before the next session. You could suggest they ask a Christian friend about an example of when they saw God's faithfulness in lockdown

# Remember when Jesus...

This session explores the different types of encounters people had with Jesus. No two encounters look the same, so we want to recognise and reflect on the wonderful variety of **#RememberWhen** moments in our own lives.

WATCH **BEULAH: A WORK IN PROGRESS** (5 min)

## DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...? (5 min)

Ask the group if they remember when they bought their first album? Where did they buy it from? Was it a record, a cassette tape, a CD, or an MP3? Do they still have it?

## SETTING THE SCENE (5 min)

Ask the group: If you could watch back one memory from your life, what would it be? Is it from several years ago or more recent history, perhaps during the coronavirus pandemic? Is it something you want to celebrate, or something you wish you could go back and change?

Encourage the group to write down their memories down in their journals.

READ | **THE INSTANT ENCOUNTER** | Luke 8:40–48

## REFLECT (10 min)

Encourage the group to discuss the following questions based on the passage. We have offered some key ideas you might want to draw out.

**The woman is clearly desperate to encounter Jesus. What need or question does she bring to Him?**

Whether we realise it or not, each of us comes to Jesus with a unique need. This can change in different seasons of our lives, but the reassurance from this passage is that Jesus meets each person where they are.

**According to Levitical law, the woman's bleeding made her unclean. How does Jesus' reaction contrast the way the crowd might have expected Him to react?**

Jesus doesn't always act as we expect. With the woman who was bleeding, Jesus immediately heals her body as a response to her faith. The crowd would have expected Him to rebuke her, but instead He redeems her and honours her faith.

**If you were the woman who was healed, how would you tell this story to your neighbour?**

By putting ourselves in the woman's shoes, we can start to understand the magnitude of what Jesus did for her. Try to imagine how she would have felt when approaching Jesus, how she would have responded to what He said and did, and how you might think, feel or live differently afterwards.

READ | **THE REFLECTIVE ENCOUNTER** | Luke 24:13–35

## REFLECT (10 min)

**How does our 'instant culture' affect the way that we reflect on gradual transformation with Jesus?**

Our culture often causes us to seek instant gratification and immediate consumption above anything else. Even in lockdown, many of us panicked when we couldn't get hold of items as quickly as we would do normally, despite the fact that we still had instant access to information and communication online. Unfortunately, this kind of instantaneous mindset can easily taint how we view encounters with Jesus. As people of God, however, we are called to value the slow and the gradual, because it is often through this that God can do the impossible.

**What helped the disciples realise it was Jesus who they'd been walking with?**

The disciples didn't recognise the significance of their encounter on the road until they reflected on the scriptures and broke bread together. Only then did they realise that Jesus had been with them. This story helps us reflect on how two of the main ways we can encounter Jesus are through scripture and the Lord's Supper.

**Alongside scripture and communion, what are some of the other ways you have encountered Jesus?**

As well as being a way to encounter God in its own right, scripture also gives us a clear framework for what other encounters with Him can look like. The Bible is how God reveals His character to us so that we know how to spot Him at work in our lives today.

It's important for us to share all these varying ways that each of us have encountered Jesus so that we can remember, value and celebrate them.

### TEACHING NOTE

We often hear the word 'testimony' and instinctively think it refers to the story of our entire journey of faith. In a court of law, however, a testimony is an account of what you have witnessed at one particular event. All of us have many smaller testimonies of when we have encountered Jesus and witnessed Him at work, as well as our overarching testimony of our life story. As we identify our **#RememberWhen** encounters with Jesus, it may help to think of these moments as opportunities to testify and witness to the character of God.

Think back to the video from the beginning of the session

### REFLECT (10 min)

Ask the group: (consider splitting into smaller groups to talk)

- What does this session's stories teach us about slow and steady growth with Jesus?
- What do you think stops us from sharing encounters with Jesus that might sound mundane?
- In what areas of your life do you think you saw gradual transformation during lockdown and how could that be celebrated now?



## #REMEMBERWHEN (5 min)

Invite each person in the group to do the following activity individually: look back at the timeline you completed last week. Spend a moment reflecting, asking God to highlight one particular **#RememberWhen** moment. In that place of reflection, think about how you might tell the story of that time when you experienced God's faithfulness. Take a few minutes to write it out if you can, as we will come back to this **#RememberWhen** moment next time.

## SUMMARY

When we reflect on it, all of us have stories of what God has done in our lives. From the miraculous to the mundane, all of these **#RememberWhen** moments of God's presence are valuable and worth sharing. Each moment is a testimony to who Jesus is, and an opportunity for us to be a witness to Him.

### PRAY

In a time of prayer, encourage your group to reflect on moments of transformation in their lives. Think of encounters you've had with Jesus, and say sorry for when you may not have fully valued them at the time. Thank God that He was at work, even when we didn't see it.

## ACT

Encourage the group to consider sharing their **#RememberWhen** moments with another Christian this week.



# Remember when the Spirit...

This session, we are looking back at some of the amazing ways that God's Spirit worked through the early church. As they remembered their encounters with Jesus, the Holy Spirit was with them – and the same is true for us today.

WATCH **AARON: A MESSAGE TO SHARE** (5 min)

## DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...? (5 min)

Out of the list of forms of communication that Aaron mentions, how far back can your group remember? Ask the group if they remember when Facebook was first created? Did they ever expect it would have the impact on our society that it does today?

## SETTING THE SCENE (5 min)

**Ask the group:** When have you recently experienced or discovered something so good that you couldn't stop talking about it? Perhaps you started a new hobby in lockdown, built new friendships with neighbours on your street, stumbled across a great movie or book, or can't stop watching a certain TV show.

READ | **PETER AND JOHN BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN** | Acts 4:8–20

## REFLECT (10 min)

Encourage the group to discuss the following questions based on the passage. We have offered some key ideas you might want to draw out.

**Peter and John say they can't help but speak about the things they've seen and heard. Have you ever felt like this? If so, why? If not, why?**

When we read stories of God's people doing amazing things in the early church, as encouraging as they can be, we might also find them disheartening. We might assume

things like that don't happen today, and if they do then they don't happen to us. But we can also choose to find them inspiring, and long to see more things like that happening today.

**The passage describes Peter and John as “unschooled, ordinary men”. How might this shape our understanding of what it takes to be a witness to Jesus?**

Although Peter and John were ordinary men, what made them different was that they had met Jesus. The encouragement for us is that whether we're academics or school dropouts, pastors or recent converts, if we've met Jesus then we have a story worth sharing.

**What is the significance of Peter being filled with the Holy Spirit?**

The Spirit gave Peter and John the boldness to not only speak up, but to share the unashamed truth about where salvation is found – only in Jesus. Even when they faced opposition near the end of the passage, the Spirit's boldness in them meant that they were not silenced, but instead kept speaking the truth about Jesus.

READ | **PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN** | Acts 8:26–40

## REFLECT (10–15 MIN)

**In the story we've just read, Philip is being guided by the Spirit. How have you experienced a sense of God's Spirit guiding you?**

Perhaps share a couple of stories as a group if you have time.

**This whole story seems almost too convenient. Have you ever been pleasantly surprised by someone's response to you sharing your faith?**

It's clear that God's Spirit had gone ahead of Philip, so that the Ethiopian was ready and willing to hear what Philip had to say. We may often assume that people don't want to hear about Jesus, or will react negatively to us, but this story encourages us that the Spirit often goes ahead of us to prepare the way.

**Have you ever been in a conversation and felt God remind you of scripture or prompt you to share something? What was the outcome?**

This passage demonstrates that there is a powerful link between God's Spirit and His word; knowing scripture well helps us share it when the Spirit prompts us to. Perhaps you've experienced this when you've shared a timely or pertinent piece of scripture that has had a profound impact on someone else.

## How can we grow in our openness to the guidance of God's Spirit?

There are many ways to grow in obedience, but one of the best is to grow in love. The more we love God, the more we will know and trust when the Spirit is prompting us. Similarly, the more we love our community, the more willing we will be to overcome our fears and share Jesus with the people around us.

### TEACHING NOTE

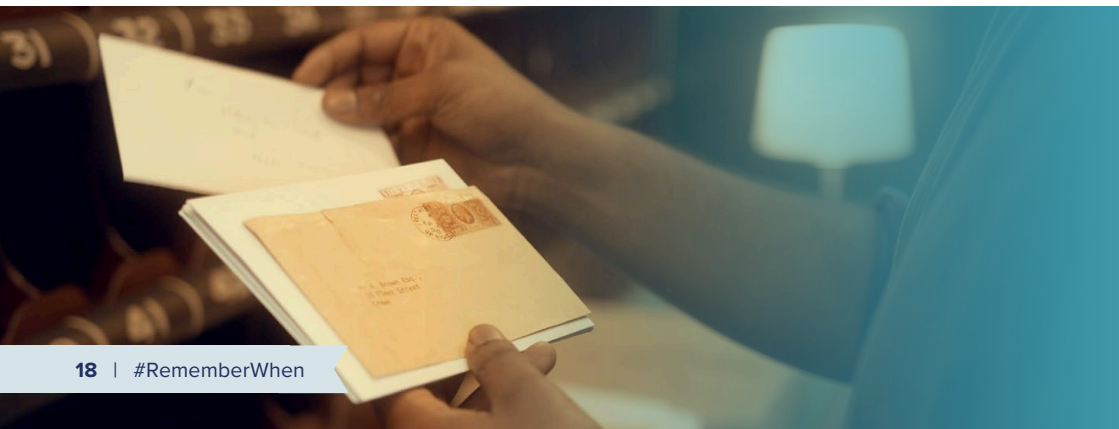
We thought last week about testimonies as lots of little moments in our lives, not just our overarching story of faith. They are an opportunity for us to witness to what we have seen and heard about God. If we think back to the court of law analogy, the role of a witness isn't to convince the jury whether the person is guilty or innocent. Similarly, while we should think carefully about how to make our stories accessible and understandable to each person we speak to, when we share testimonies of God in our own lives, we are not required to convince the listener about whether or not God is true to who He says He is. It is the role of the Spirit to work in their hearts, and that's why it's so important that we are responsive to the Spirit's promptings so we can walk in step with what He is already doing.

### Think back to the film from the beginning of the session

### REFLECT (5–10 min)

#### Ask the group:

- What are some of the stories and messages that are communicated most loudly in our culture?
- What holds us back from sharing our own stories of faith?
- How might the Spirit be prompting us to communicate the work God has done in our lives?



## #REMEMBERWHEN (5 min)

Invite each person in the group to do the following activity individually. When it comes to sharing Jesus with others, ultimately, it's the Spirit who is at work and responsible for the outcome, but the words we use still matter. Take a look at the **#RememberWhen** moment that you wrote out last week. With fresh eyes, think about the words that you used and the way you talked about what God did. Reflect on whether someone with no experience of church would be able to fully grasp the significance of what happened and whether your language or jargon makes sense to them. Think about how you might change your wording to make your story more accessible.

## SUMMARY

Stories from the early church encourage us that not only do we have a story worth communicating, but we are also not alone when we share it. As we grow more in tune with God's Spirit, we will see Him opening up opportunities to share Jesus with others.

### PRAY

- Encourage your group to reflect on whether there have been moments in their lives when God's Spirit has prompted them to do something, but nerves or uncertainty got in the way. Spend time asking for God's forgiveness, then ask for His boldness and clarity so you can all respond obediently to the Spirit's prompting in the future.

## ACT

Encourage people to spend some time alone with God this week. Ask God's Spirit to show them someone who doesn't know Jesus yet, but needs to hear about their **#RememberWhen** moment, and find some time to pray for that person.

# Remember when we...

For our final session, we're looking at how our #RememberWhen stories play a part in making Jesus known. Even if we don't expect it, God invites us all to participate in telling the world the good news about Jesus.

WATCH **JO: AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM** (5 min)

## DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...? (5 min)

Ask the group: What was something that you thought was impossible until it happened? E.g. fall of the Berlin Wall, man landing on the moon, first heart transplant.

## SETTING THE SCENE (5 min)

Ask the group: What was something that you thought was impossible until you achieved it? What helped you to do it?

Encourage people to do the following activity individually in their manual: When you picture someone who regularly shares their faith, what key qualities do you think they have?

READ | **THE CONVERSION OF SAUL** | Acts 9:1–22

## REFLECT (5 min)

Encourage the group to discuss the following questions based on the passage. We have offered some key ideas you might want to draw out.

### Who would be a modern-day equivalent of Saul?

There are probably people we can all think of who seem incredibly far away from God. It's important for us to reflect on how radical the transformation was in Saul and how it's not impossible for God to do the same today.

### How would you have reacted to God asking you to reach out to someone like Saul?

As someone who was committed to following God, Ananias would probably have had serious reservations about working with Saul. Not only did he not strike him as a person of God, but he also wouldn't normally have trusted or associated with him in day-to-day society. Not only was Saul far from Jesus, but Ananias would legitimately have feared persecution by Saul.

READ | **THE WOMAN AT THE WELL** | John 4:1–42

## REFLECT (10 MIN)

### What do you find challenging about the woman's reaction to meeting Jesus and her urgency to share that encounter?

We know from the time of day that the woman was collecting water that she was probably trying to avoid interaction with others. For many of us, the experience of lockdown has made us acutely aware of how lonely and alienated social distancing can make us feel. But by immediately running to share what had happened, we see that the woman's interaction with Jesus had profoundly changed the way she saw Jesus, herself and others – she couldn't help but share what she'd experienced. She didn't have all the answers (verse 29), and she didn't know how people would react, but she just had to share.

### How do verses 40 to 42 encourage us about the outcome of sharing Jesus?

We already know that the woman was trying to avoid interacting with others in her town, so we can reasonably assume that she would have been fearful about approaching them. However, many came to believe after hearing the woman's testimony, and many more believed once they'd heard from Jesus Himself. This is an encouragement that when it comes to evangelism, our responsibility is simply to witness to Jesus, and trust He'll do the rest.

### Why do you think many of us don't consider ourselves as witnesses to Jesus?

We often come to evangelism with a lot of expectations around what it means to be an evangelist. We disqualify ourselves because we're not extroverts, we don't preach, someone else could do it better, whatever it might be. The story of the woman at the well shows us that we all have the ability to be unexpected witnesses when it comes to sharing Jesus.

## TEACHING NOTE

God is in the business of including everyone. While ‘evangelist’ is a specific calling for some disciples of Jesus – similar to the gifting of teacher or apostle – that doesn’t mean that those who don’t have that gifting are excluded from the call to share our faith. Every follower of Jesus has both the call and the ability to be a witness. The woman at the well hadn’t been through a process of discernment to ascertain whether she had the call of an evangelist; she simply witnessed who Jesus was and went to tell others. None of us should sit out on the adventure of evangelism, because God has called His whole church to “go and make disciples of all nations”. (Matthew 28:19)

### Think back to the film from the beginning of the session



## REFLECT (5 min)

- Considering the team effort that is required for any successful mission, how does it feel to realise that the responsibility for sharing Jesus is shared between all of us?
- Emily Ford used her artistic skills to help the fight for women’s right to vote. What skills can you identify in yourself or others in your group that could be used to help witness to Jesus?
- Who are the people we think it is impossible to reach with the good news of Jesus?



## #REMEMBERWHEN (10 min)

Invite each person in the group to do the following activity individually. Now that we’ve reflected on our journey of faith, picked out a key **#RememberWhen** moment of God’s faithfulness, and considered how we might share that, it’s time to give it a go. If you’re meeting in person, split into groups of two or three and share your **#RememberWhen** moment. If you’re gathering online then perhaps ask a couple of people to volunteer to share their **#RememberWhen** moment with the whole group. This is a safe space to offer encouraging and constructive feedback. What did you like about their story? What characteristics of God did it display? Were there bits that didn’t make sense or might need further explanation for someone who doesn’t know Jesus yet?

## SUMMARY

While sharing Jesus might seem impossible to some of us now, the Bible reassures us that God wants to use all of us to spread the good news. Not only that, but God can use us in order to reach even those who seem impossibly far from Him.

## PRAY

Take some time to sit in God’s presence. If it’s been a while since you remembered God’s faithfulness to you, ask Him to remind you. If you’ve forgotten the encounters you’ve had with Jesus, ask Him to help you remember and value them. If you’ve been regularly disqualifying yourself from witnessing to Jesus, then ask Him to reveal how He wants to use you. If you’ve allowed fears and doubts to stop you, then ask Him to fill you with the boldness of His Spirit. God wants to use us as we are, so rest in the grace and truth of that.

## ACT

Remember your **#RememberWhen** moment? Remember the person the Spirit prompted you to share it with? Now go and share that moment with them.



# What next?

We hope you have enjoyed exploring the **#RememberWhen** material, whether on your own, as a small group, or as a whole church. Together, we have explored the way that God calls His people to remember His faithfulness; how, just as we see in the New Testament, our encounters with Jesus, both big and small, are powerful and worth sharing; how God's Spirit empowers His people to pray boldly as they step out in faith; and how God is in the business of doing the impossible in and through us.

Our prayer from the beginning has been that this journey would act as a tool for our evangelism, creating a change in our attitudes towards sharing our faith and helping us have greater confidence when we do it in the future. But we also know that these few sessions are only the start of the journey, and, understandably, you may be asking where to go from here.

We at the Evangelical Alliance are privileged to have some fantastic member organisations that work specifically in this area of equipping the church for evangelism. There are some great resources to help you take the next step as you grow in confidence to share your faith.

- **Talking Jesus: The Course** – Six practical video-based sessions inspiring you to share your faith based on the Talking Jesus research into evangelism.
- **Living & Telling** – A training resource by Agapé UK designed to help envision, equip and empower Christians to share their faith as a way of life.
- **The Natural Evangelism Course** – Simple, insightful training by evangelist J John to equip Christians towards more effective friendship evangelism.
- **Story Bearer Small Group Sessions** – Delve deeper into the power of stories and how they can help you to share your faith with your friends.

Ultimately, each of us approaches evangelism from a different place, with different stories and experiences, but we wholeheartedly believe that all of us have the ability, as well as the commissioning, to share our faith. We pray that these resources continue to bless, inspire, and equip you as you share the good news of Jesus with those around you.

Finally, we want to leave you with three top tips as you continue to find ways to be a witness to Jesus in your everyday life:

## 1. KEEP PRAYING

- For your friends, family members, neighbours and colleagues to come to know Jesus.
- For yourself, that you would continue to grow in compassion and boldness as a disciple of Jesus, as well as in awareness of opportunities to share your faith.
- For your church, that as a community you would grow in your awareness of God's loving faithfulness and your desire to share that news with others.

## 2. KEEP ACCOUNTABLE

- Find two friends in your church and commit to praying for one another and supporting each other as you make Jesus known together.

## 3. KEEP GOING

- You are going to have some great, awkward, and terrible conversations. But remember, it is not your job to convert someone; it's simply to keep witnessing to your encounters with Jesus and the impact He has had on your life.









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