

— TEAM WORKSHEET · CHAPTERS 4 AND 12

# Church Memory Map

A memorial is any intentional practice that preserves the meaning of what God has done so it can continue forming people after the moment has passed. **The form is secondary. The function is.**

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— GATHER THE STONES

## Six stones to begin with

### 1 Answered prayer

*Churches often pray more faithfully than they remember.* · CHAPTER 12

What happened

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What it taught us about God

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Who should hear it

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### 2 Provision in crisis

*A journal documenting how God provided during a crisis.* · CHAPTER 4

What happened

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What it taught us about God

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Who should hear it

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### 3 A moment of correction

*God loved us enough to correct us here. We learned something here.* • CHAPTER 4

**What happened**

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**What it taught us about God**

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**Who should hear it**

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### 4 Hidden faithfulness

*Who was faithful behind the scenes?* • CHAPTER 4

**What happened**

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**What it taught us about God**

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**Who should hear it**

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### 5 A turning point

*What happened that our younger people would never know unless someone told them?* • CHAPTER 4

**What happened**

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**What it taught us about God**

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**Who should hear it**

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### 6 Our own

*What has God done recently that we should remember?*

**What happened**

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**What it taught us about God**

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**Who should hear it**

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## Not stones of shame. Stones of mercy.

There are lessons that should survive the people who first learned them. A leadership team may need to write down:

*Never allow growth to outrun shepherding again.*

*Never make a major decision without giving prayer adequate time again.*

*Never treat dissent as disloyalty.*

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### — DISTRIBUTE THE MEMORY

## The people who carry the stones

If the pastor is the only one who knows the stories, the stories are fragile. Spiritual memory should be distributed.

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| Older believers     | ----- |
| Parents             | ----- |
| Small-group leaders | ----- |
| Staff               | ----- |
| Children            | ----- |

A memorial should answer one question: **Does this help people remember God's faithfulness?** If yes, use it. If not, let it go.

From *When Churches Remember* by Kraig Kleeman, Chapters 4 and 12, "Build the Stones Before You Leave the River" and "Teaching a Church to Remember".