

Reminding and Remembering

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Question: Imagine that you are a survivor of the terrorist attack in Manchester England. What would be a Christian response?

1. Remember to remember.

God purposes and orchestrates things to stir us up to remember.

(Exodus 13:6-10; Numbers 15:37-41; Matthew 16:5-12; Luke 17:32; Romans 15:15; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 2 Peter 3:1-2; Jude 1:5; John 14:26)

God gives grace through remembering. (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)

Remembering often takes effort (and openness to reminding).

2. Remember the truth (gospel).

Remembering is important for us to be in touch with reality.

Remembering is important for loving others.

What do I need to work/fight to remember?

God is the Supreme Good who created us to look to Him for our help and happiness. - Isaiah 12:2

Man is an idol worshiper who looks to created things instead, disobeys God, and deserves His just punishment. – Psalm 106:38

Jesus is the double cure who lived the life we could never live and died the death we deserve to die, then rose from the dead as the only Lord and Savior. – Isaiah 53:8

Faith is trust in the promises of God for pardon and perfection, help and happiness because of Jesus alone. – Romans 4:19-21

Love is the obedience of faith that trusts and obeys God's Word for the glory of God and the good of others in every situation and relationship. – Luke 6:35-36

3. Remember to trust (apply) the truth (gospel).

How might the gospel be applied in this situation? By remembering ...

The truth about God: This is not a reflection on God, but a reflection on rebellion against God. This is a call to look to God for help. - Psalm 69:1-4

The truth about Man: This is not what happens when people worship God. This is an expression of what happens when we worship anything other than the true God. - Romans 1:22-32

The truth about Jesus: This is what we all deserve but God is merciful. Jesus suffered more than anyone so that we could be saved from suffering and triumph over it. - Luke 13:1-5

The truth about Faith: This should not call into question God's trustworthiness but our self-sufficiency. This is a call to trust the promises of God in the face of sin and suffering (including the promise of judgment and justice and the promise to bring good out of evil and the promise that His grace is sufficient). -Exodus 17:1-7

The truth about Love: This is an opportunity to pursue justice and mercy. We are to love in the face of others' sin and our suffering; loving our enemies and pursuing their good. - John 13:1-11

What do you do in the wake of a terror attack? Trust God's love in Christ then trust and love.

What does trust look like?

1. **Agree** with God about your sin and what it deserves. (1 John 1:9)
2. **Believe** that Jesus is an able and willing Savior for you. (1 Peter 3:18)
3. **Call** on God for mercy and rely on Jesus and His finished work alone. (Romans 10:9, 13)
4. **Devote** yourself to God's Word with God's people. (Romans 12:1-2)
5. **Endure** pain and pleasure by resting in Jesus, hoping in God, and pursuing love. (1 Peter 5:6-10)