How good is your memory?

The top 5 things most people forget

A tangible way to remember

He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the people of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God. Joshua 4:21-24

The process

Pay close _________ to what God is doing

“Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say.” Isaiah 28:23

Build a _________ memorial to God when He does it

• Modern examples in our culture … Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, war memorials landmarks in historic cities through out our country

Explain what event the memorial _________ and what God did

“… In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. Theses stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.” Joshua 4:6-7

“It is you who made us for yourself oh Lord and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.” Saint Augustine

Show others what this _________ about God

“He did this so that all the people of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful.” Joshua 4:24a

So that we will know how to _________ to God

“And so that you might always fear the Lord your God.” Joshua 4:24b

• We trust God because He has revealed Himself as ultimately trustworthy.
• We obey God because He is our good and sovereign king.
• We forgive God because He has first forgiven us.
• We love God because He has first loved us.

Modern day memorials

Memory journals, the Sanctuary

Response

How has God been faithful to you this year? What are you thankful for?