



Part 1: Why It Matters

Do you ever struggle with your past, wondering how it impacts your future? Join us as we explore how God uses our history and invites us into a courageous future. Discover how remembering His faithfulness and the faithfulness of those before us gives hope, resilience, and purpose for the challenges we face today.

Discussion Questions

1. Where have you seen God use events or experiences from your past to shape your present or guide your future?
2. How does learning about the Anabaptist story and their convictions challenge or inspire your own faith journey?
3. Read Matthew 5:21-48. In Matthew 5, Jesus takes past commandments and deepens them to address the heart. Which of these challenges you most today and why? Why do you think Jesus so often referred to Israel's history and the Old Testament stories when teaching his followers? What does that teach us about remembering?

Moving Forward

What practical steps can we take to ensure that we are learning from the past—both the victories and the failures—so that God's future for us is not limited by our history? What are some stories or moments from your faith community's past (whether that's at Westside or a previous church experience) that you think are important to remember and pass on? Why?