

Divine
"Bread Crumb"
Trails



Week 1: Remnant

Welcome

If you had to choose one of the following movies, which would you watch and why? *Goonies*, *Ocean's Eleven*, *Tombstone*, *The Magnificent Seven*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Troop Beverly Hills*, *Hoosiers*, *Remember the Titans*, or *12 Angry Men*.

Worship

Ask someone to read **Psalm 46** aloud and spend a few moments in silent reflection. A question to reflect on might be: How does this Psalm remind us of God's faithfulness to His people? Afterwards, close in prayer.

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Word

1. The idea of a “faithful few” standing against the tide of society is seen in many movies and books. What are some examples of this theme in movies, streaming shows, books, etc.? How do they compare to the biblical remnant?

2. List some examples of a remnant from both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

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3. Read **1 Kings 19:9-18**. How did Elijah respond when he felt alone in his faith? How does isolation affect our spiritual perspective? How might **1 Kings 19:18** have encouraged Elijah and made him not feel alone?

4. According to **Isaiah 8:16-17**; **Amos 5:15**; and **Zephaniah 3:12-13**, what does God expect from His remnant?

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5. What does *Romans 9:25-29* teach about how God blesses and preserves His faithful followers?

6. How is the church a remnant in today's society? What are some challenges of being part of God's faithful remnant in the modern world?

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7. Read **Jeremiah 31:33-34** and **Revelation 7:9-10**. What will God do for the remnant in the future? What will the future eternal remnant look like?

Witness

Sometime during this series, do an outreach as a Life Group! Try to brainstorm some project ideas that your group could do together. Whatever your project is, let people know that you are from Shepherd Church! Decide on an idea and date before leaving the Life Group. You can choose a project organized by **Shepherd Go** or you can do your own project. Some other group project ideas include:

- Host a free thrift store/garage sale
- Organize a spa day for single pregnant moms
- Hosting an onsite coffee shop (with music, spoken word, etc.)
- Offer free babysitting for 2-3 families so the parents can have a date night
- Offer free a seminar (topics could include mental health, financial advice, etc.)
- Host a neighborhood block party or a neighborhood movie night
- Choose someone who lives on the street of one of your group members, needs to know about Jesus' love, and make a plan to spoil that person
- Select a school, local fire station, local police or sheriff's station, and make a plan to spoil that place
- Do yardwork and/or house work for someone who is hurting and needs to hear that Jesus loves them
- Start a 3-5-week book club for people in your community
- Try to visit a nursing home to minister to the residents (you'll need to get permission from the nursing home)

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- Create a 3-5-episode podcast on a topic that will help people
- Do a fundraiser that raises money for Shepherd Church missionaries
- Commit to going on a short-term mission trip or local outreach trip as a Life Group
- Go to a laundry mat, and spend the morning or afternoon paying for people's laundry (you'll need to get permission from the laundry mat)
- Go to a gas station and spend the morning or afternoon contributing some money to different people so it's easier for them to fill up their tank (you'll need to get permission from the gas station)
- Organize a prayer walk in the neighborhood of a Life Group member
- Partner with a local charity

Personal Reflection & Deeper Study for this Week

- Memorize **Revelation 7:9**.
- Do a DEEP STUDY on the theology of "remnant" in the Old Testament! Read **Genesis 45:7; Deuteronomy 4:27; Deuteronomy 28:62; 1 Kings 19:9-18, 1 Kings 19:31; Nehemiah 1:2-3; Ezra 7:7-25; Ezra 9:8-15; Isaiah 1:8-9; Isaiah 4:2-6; Isaiah 7:9; Isaiah 8:16-18; Isaiah 10:20-23; Isaiah 11:11-16; Isaiah 28:5, Isaiah 28:16-17; Isaiah 37:32; Jeremiah 23:3-6; Jeremiah 31:7, Jeremiah 31:31-34; Jeremiah 50:20; Micah 2:12-13; Micah 4:1-7; Micah 5:1-7; Micah 7:18; Amos 3:12; Amos 5:15; Zephaniah 3:12-13; Joel 2:32; Joel 3:16**. Answer the following questions with all of the passages in mind:
 - What is your own definition of remnant?
 - How is "remnant" described in these passages?
 - What are some themes that are associated with the concept of remnant (e.g., faith, faithfulness, few, etc.)?
 - Is there one remnant or several remnants?
 - What are the different promises that God makes to the remnant (make a list)?
 - Under what circumstances does God talk about a remnant (aka, what's going on in the world at that time)?
 - How do you see the theme of remnant in the New Testament?
 - Look for application from these passages by asking the following questions and writing down your answers (not every passage will have an answer for each question):
 - Is there sin to avoid?
 - Are there promises to keep?
 - Is there an attitude to adopt or affirm?
 - Is there a challenge to take?
 - Is there an example to follow or not to follow?

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- Read about the concept of the one who is “victorious” (aka, “the overcomer” in some translations)— **Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 15:2; 21:7.**
 - Based on these verses, what does it mean to be one who “overcomes” or is “victorious”?
 - What do these verses say about the one who “overcomes” or is “victorious”?
 - Are the verses in Revelation talking about a remnant or something different?