"Memories" Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Luke 22:1 4-23

- Re-read the Scriptures.
- Think of a time you had to give your best.
 - Tell the group of that time.
 - o How hard did work to prepare for that event/time?
 - Could you do it again?
 - Do you see how we must train spiritually to be able to give our best to God?
- Lent is a time to "turn around" (Try to get the image of JD turning in circles out of your head.) The word repent means to turn.
 - How often do you turn 360 degrees when you think you have changed, but are continuing on the same path?
 - We should be turning 180 degrees but, don't. How can we help each other do the things to keep us "turned"?
- What is one your favorite memories?
- JD talked about the prophets, telling the people how to remember themselves. Seeing themselves in light of their need for God.
 - He told us about Ezekiel who's job it would be to preach a message of repentance and how he was told by God that it would fail.
 - He talked about Jonah and the people of Nineveh, and how they were ready to hear from God and repent.
 - How are you like the people of Israel?
 - How are you like the people of Nineveh?
 - Do you realize you have both in you?
- Moses tole the people to remember themselves as "nothing without God".
 - o How can we remember ourselves that way?
 - It won't be easy but we need to be able to remember our helplessness to remember our salvation better.
 - Take time now to remember your helplessness and silently pray for God's help.
- JD mentioned history is not static but continually gets revised and changed, new information, new evidence that gets dug up, and new thinking can make a difference. So it is with our lives and our history.
 - o How can we change our history?
 - o How have you changed your history?

- As you make your way in life how can you rely on God better?
- How can we help each other realize that we can change our futures, because God has changed our lives?