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Class Reunion Milestone Moment

Milestones Ministry brings an awareness of the presence of God to individuals of all generations by recognizing the home as church, too. Milestones Ministry provides a simple, clear, and usable model for congregations, homes, and community to connect faith formation resources with daily life experiences. The Class Reunion Milestone Moment is an opportunity to gather with classmates and friends to reflect on the memories of high school or college years and learn about one another's lives since graduation. Reconnecting after a number of years can bring about the telling of both happy and sad memories.

Class reunions provide a time to meet with former classmates. Many high schools and colleges have yearly reunions. Some have reunions every five years, but when a class comes together after 25, 40, or 50 years it is a particularly significant time to celebrate. Memories of old surface as people prepare and wonder if they will recognize one another. Some have lived locally, others far away, and yet others have lived in many different places. Much has changed in the lives of classmates over a number of years.

This milestone honors a time to reconnect. Some have stayed connected. Others have not. This can be a sobering time as some in the class may be deceased. This event also provides a time for personal reflection and thoughtfulness. Meaningful relationships are important and a class reunion can also affirm faith that spans a lifetime.

Opportunities for former classmates and friends to gather together are special and an important event in our lives. This Class Reunion Milestone Moment uses a simple five stage structure that includes naming, equipping, blessing, gifting, and reinforcing so that the Milestone Moment will have a greater chance to take deeper root in one's lifelong faith formation.

Naming – It is important to recognize a significant milestone year in the lives of all who graduated and note how many years have passed.

Equipping – This milestone provides the opportunity for caring conversations that stimulate memories of years past and generate stories as classmates reminisce and take time to reflect on how God's presence has been in their midst.

Blessing – Invite classmates, family, and friends to gather and bless those who are together and pray for families and friends of those who are no longer present.

Gifting – Consider pictures, a keychain, or mug as a gift for classmates as a reminder of this significant milestone reunion.

Reinforcing – Take time to talk with classmates about who may help plan and organize future class reunions. After this milestone year, staying in touch and gathering annually is a good way to remind one another of times past, catch up on each other's lives, stay in touch for years to come, and recall the importance of the Christian faith through it all.


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Devotions

Four Key
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Practices


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For a Small Group or Family Gathering



Growing People in Faith when at Home and Away

“and talk about them when you are at home and when away, when you lie down and when you rise.”

Deuteronomy 6:7b

A follow-up for this Class Reunion Milestone Moment is to stay connected with classmates through emails, Facebook posts, or other social media as a way to continue friendships for years to come.

How will you stay in touch? Who will help plan and organize future reunions as you follow up each year for a face to face celebration and relive memories of the past?

After being together and experiencing this Four Key Faith Practices outline, continue to bless one another by practicing faith daily as an intentional step to encourage faith traditions in the home.

Suggested resources for continued caring conversations:

[Taking Faith Home](#)
[Taking Faith Home Cards](#)

Additional Milestone Modules and Moments can be found at: www.milestonesministry.org



Milestone Moments provide the opportunity for people to learn, experience, and grow in their faith together. This Milestone Moment is intended to provide the opportunity for conversations with classmates, friends, and family as you reminisce about high school or college years and reflect on the changes in your lives since graduation. The next page is a discussion guide handout to assist with the conversations.



As you gather together, begin by sharing a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your lives and then use the outline below to talk about faith and God’s presence in this moment.



Caring Conversations

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- Psalm 90 encourages us to acknowledge that we are finite creatures. We do not go on forever. Why is it important for us to count our days?
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After graduating there have been many years to reach out and touch other lives through acts of kindness. Tell a story about an organization or ministry you have been part of that serves the homeless, needy, aging, or hungry in the local community or the world.



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Close by blessing one another:

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Class Reunion Discussion Guide



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