

MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

Look up the following verses. What do they say about the importance of hiding God's Word in your heart? Write your answer on the space provided.

Psalm 1:1-3

Joshua 1:8

Why would memorizing verses help us think about God's Word all the time?

Four reasons to memorize God's Word

It helps give victory over sin.

Look up Psalm 119:9-11, Matt 4:1-11

What did Jesus do when He was tempted by Satan, according to Matthew 4:1-11?

It will grow your faith and help renew your mind.

Look up Rom 10:17, Rom 12:2

How could memorizing God's Word help renew your mind?

It equips us for any opportunity to minister to others.

Look up 2 Tim 3:16-17, 1 Peter 3:15

How could memorizing the Word prepare you for ministering to others? (Dumb Doctor Illustration)

God uses it to speak to you and lead you.

Look up Proverbs 6:21-24, Psalm 119:105, John 14:25-27

Is there a time God has spoken to you through the Bible? What was it?

A practical way to get started

1. Find a verse that you want to memorize from your quiet time, church, or campus ministry. Use a verse pack and cards. Write the verse on one side and the reference on the other side.
2. Review the verse daily for 30 days until you can quote the verse and reference from memory, word-perfect.
3. Make a specific goal for how many you want to memorize. For example:

1 verse/week x 52 weeks	=	52 verses per year
52 verses/year x 20 years	=	1,040 verses
1040 verses/28 days	=	38 verses to review per day
4. Be encouraged. You can do it one verse at a time!

Discipleship Challenge: Continue to spend daily time with God through your SOAPs and memorize Joshua 1:8 this week. Listen to the sermon, "Scripture Memory" by Max Barnett. (www.challengecsuc.com/resources/sermon_and_audio_books/)

LEADER'S GUIDE

Goal

The goal of this lesson is to help your disciple see the value and importance of hiding God's Word in their heart and to begin memorizing scripture.

Getting started

Before your one-on-one, take a moment to pray for your time with your disciple and to prepare for your lesson. Spend a few minutes talking to them about their week. Ask them how their SOAPs are going and ask them to share one thing that God showed them from their quiet time this week.

Going through the lesson

As you go through this lesson, take your time to look up the verses with your disciple. Help them to see the value of hiding God's word on their heart. The spaces are there for your disciple to write down their answers to each question. Take your time and don't feel rushed. Remember that the point of the lesson is not to get through it in 30 minutes but to help them see why scripture memory is important and how they can get started.

Dumb Doctor Illustration

If you were sick and you went to a doctor and told him your symptoms you would expect him to be able to know what was wrong and be able to help you. But if instead the doctor started scratching his head and said, "that sounds like something I read about in medical school," you wouldn't trust the doctor very much. Many times when people ask a spiritual question and we respond with, "I think somewhere in the bible it says...", it does not sound very convincing that we know what we are talking about. However, if we are able to say John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world...", it gives much more credibility to our answer.

Practical application: Begin to memorize a verse with them today

Have some extra verse cards with you and even a verse pack to give to them. Tell them that you want to memorize a verse together. It is the "With them" principle. Help them find a verse from today's lesson, previous lesson, quiet time, etc. Show them how to write it out and even start to review it together if time allows.

Wrapping up

Take a moment to ask them if they have any questions, then pray with them that they will hide God's Word in their heart. Always remember to encourage your new disciple, as this lesson may feel overwhelming. Send them the link to the sermon "Scripture Memory" by Max Barnett and encourage them to listen to it and write down any thoughts or questions they may have.