

GOD'S WORD PART 2: LEADER'S GUIDE

Memorizing Scripture can be a game-changing spiritual discipline. It brings conviction to the heart, and is used by the Holy Spirit to prompt the mind to action. However, it's one that a lot of people try and talk themselves out of. Some people struggle with memorizing anything, or aren't willing to put in the time and effort to do so. This lesson will help lay a foundation for why scripture memory is important, and lay out a game plan for memorizing scripture that anyone can follow!

PURPOSE

- To help your disciple see the value and importance of scripture memorization.
- To teach them how to effectively memorize scripture.
- To equip them with a plan that will help them continue memorizing scripture in the long run.

PLAN

1. 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.
2. If they're comfortable with it, have your disciple do the Scripture reading! It's a great and easy way for them to participate in the lesson.
3. Take time to look up the verses. 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.. 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.
4. Have some extra verse cards with you and even a verse pack to give to them. Tell them that you want to memorize the verse together. It is the "With them" principle.
5. Go through the process of memorizing a verse with them! They may not know how to memorize things well, and if you show them how easy it is to memorize a section of the verse in 5 minutes, then they will be much more likely to do it!
6. 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.

KEY ILLUSTRATION

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.

GOD'S WORD PART 2: SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Memory verse checklist:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Joshua 1:8

VERSE OF THE WEEK: Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

BY MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD, WE CAN LEARN TO HONOR GOD

According to this verse, why is it important to "hide God's word in your heart"?

What do you think it means to hide God's word in your heart?

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

WHY MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE?

1. It helps give victory over sin.

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

2. 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?

3. It equips you 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)

4. 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?

BE A DISCIPLE

GETTING STARTED: THE VERSE PACK

1. Make a specific goal for how many you want to memorize each week. 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
2. Find a verse that you want to memorize. It could be from a sermon, your quiet time, or maybe a friend referenced it.
3. Write the verse on a card. Index cards work great for this. Write the verse on one side and the reference on the other side. Alternatively, you could use a scripture memorization app such as ScriptureTyper.
4. Review the verse daily for 30 days until you can quote the verse and reference from memory, word-perfect.
5. 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 Psalm 119:11 this week.