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MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

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Look up Psalm 1:1-3 and Joshua 1:8.

What do they say about the importance of hiding God's Word in your heart?

Why would memorizing verses help us to 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 and Matt. 4:1-11.

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

It will grow your faith and help renew your mind.

Look up Rom. 10:17 and 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 and 1 Peter 3:15.

How could memorizing God's 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 and John 14:25-27.

Is there a time God has spoken to you through the Bible? When did it happen and what was it?

A practical way to get started

1. Find a verse that you want to memorize from your quiet time, church service, or campus ministry meeting. 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 word-perfect from memory.
3. Make a specific goal for how many you want to memorize. For example:
1 verse a 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 S.O.A.P.s and memorize Joshua 1:8 this week. Listen to the sermon “Scripture Memory” by Max Barnett Leader.

Lesson Guide

Goal

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

Getting started

Before your one-on-ones, take a moment to pray for your time with your disciples and to prepare for your lesson. Spend a few minutes talking to them about their week. 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 in their heart. The spaces are there for your disciples to write down their answers to each question. Take your time and don't feel rushed. Remember 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 be very trusting of the doctor. 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.

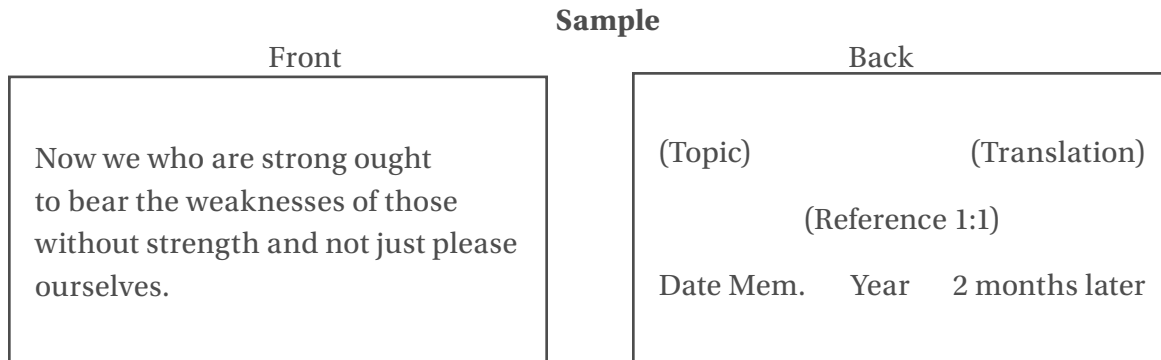
Have with you some extra verse cards and even a verse pack to give to them. Tell them you want to memorize a verse together. It is the "with them" principle. Help them find a verse from today's lesson, previous lesson, quiet time, etc. Show them how to write it out and even start to review it together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

Wrapping up

Take a moment to ask them if they have any questions and pray 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.

Scripture Memory Review System

1. Prepare Cards



2. Memorize word-perfect. (Try to include correct punctuation as well.)

3. Place in DAILY Pack. Review DAILY until date shown in lower right hand corner.

4. Place in WEEKLY Pack. Beginning on Sunday, review only on that day of the week.

5. When Sunday pack is full (10-12 cards), rotate entire group to Monday and begin a new Sunday pack. When Sunday pack is full again, rotate the Monday pack to Tuesday and the Sunday pack to Monday, and begin a new Sunday pack. Continue to do this until each day of the week has 10-12 cards assigned to it.

6. Rotate Saturday pack to Pack #1 (representing the 1st of every month).

This is your first MONTHLY pack. Move all the packs forward until Sunday is once again available for new verses. Continue this procedure until each day of the month is full in addition to each day of the week.

**See diagram on next page for "How to Rotate Your Verses."*

7. At this point, you have several options. You can:

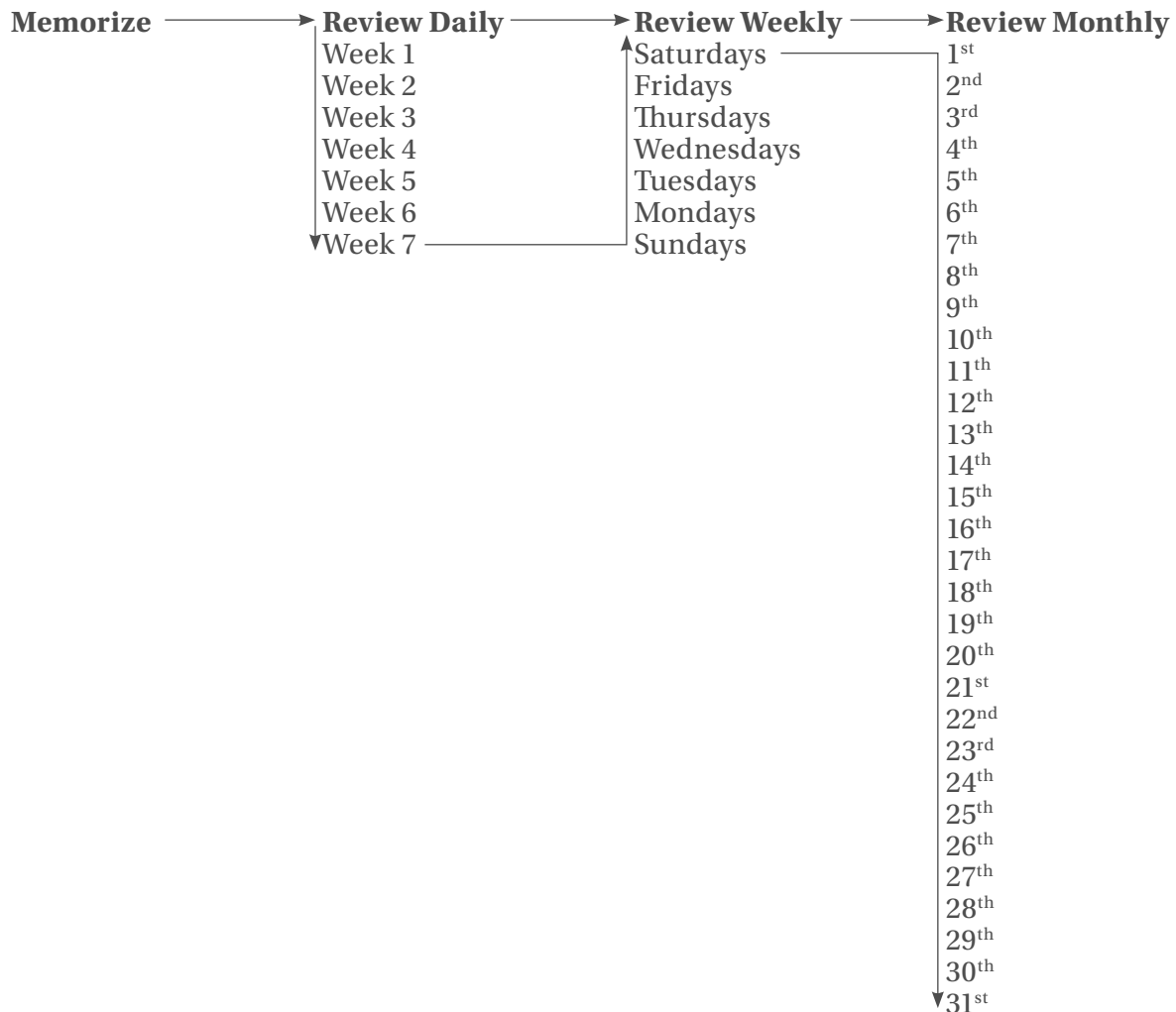
- Include more verses in each pack.
- Begin an annual or semi-annual pack.
- Retire verses so familiarity and frequency used that they don't need reviewing.
- Devise another plan to better handle so many verses.

Some Suggestions

1. Don't put the reference on both sides of the card. Then you can alternate your review so that you can quote the verse by seeing the reference or say the reference by looking at the verse.
2. When reciting the verse, it is helpful to say the reference at the beginning and at the end of the verse to connect it to the verse.
3. Avoid learning your verses in any certain order by mixing them up occasionally.

4. The key is day-by-day consistency. If you miss a day once in a while, you won't forget the verse, but inconsistency will kill your review.
5. Make sure you know the verse perfectly before you put it in the weekly pack. If you are still stumbling over it in any way after two months, just keep reviewing it daily until you feel confident that you know it well.
6. If you start having problems with a verse in any weekly or monthly pack, pull it out and review it daily for awhile until it comes easily again.
7. It works well for some to review while doing some other task. Try to tack your review onto some daily task (putting on make-up, eating breakfast, walking the dog, exercising, etc.) That will keep you more faithful and consistent with the review.
8. Be realistic. Start small and build your system.
9. Keep track of your verses in a Word or Excel document in case you lose or wash your verse pack.

How to Rotate Your Verses



** For another illustration on the importance of personally understanding God's Word, check out the Navigators' Word Hand Illustration. Find it at navigators.org.*