# **SCRIPTURE MEMORY**

"The Bible in the memory is better than the Bible in the book case."
-Charles H. Spurgeon

What has your experience with memorizing Scripture been like?

Anyone can memorize Scripture!

# WHY SHOULD YOU MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE?

- Triumph over Satan (Matt. 4: 1-11)
- Battle against sin (Psalm 119:11)
- Preparedness to share the Gospel (1 Peter 3:15)
- The Lord reveals Himself through His Word (1 Samuel 3:21)
- Transforming to Christ-likeness (2 Cor. 3:18)
- Love for the Lord and meditation on Him (Psalm 119: 97)

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no

longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life

I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave

Galatians 2:20

himself for me.

## **HOW TO MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE**

- Pick a verse. Write on a card. (See example at right.)
- Review repeatedly in spare moments throughout the day.
- Always say it the verse in the format: reference, verse, reference.
- Learn it word-for-word perfect. Have a friend test you.
- Move on to a new verse, but review old verses regularly.
- Learn to use a verse pack and memorize a verse each week.
- In one year you can easily memorize 52 verses.
- You can also download a scripture memory app to make it easier!

# **ACTIVITY**

As a group, decide on a verse to memorize for next week. Encourage each other through the week to memorize the verse. Next week, test one another on the verse.

# **TOPICAL MEMORY VERSES**

If you want to memorize Scripture, but aren't sure what to memorize or how, this system will help you begin hiding God's word in your heart.

#### LIVE THE NEW LIFE

Christ the Center	2 Corinthians 5:17	Galatians 2:20
Obedience to Christ	Romans 12:1	John 14:21
The Word	2 Timothy 3:16	Joshua 1:8
Prayer	John 15:7	Philippians 4:6, 7
Fellowship	Matthew 18:20	Heb 10:24, 25
Witnessing	Matthew 4:19	Romans 1:16

## PROCLAIM CHRIST

All Have Sinned	Romans 3:23	Isaiah 53:6
Sin's Penalty	Romans 6:23	Hebrews 9:27
Christ Paid the Penalty	Romans 5:8	1 Peter 3:18
Salvation is not by Works	Ephesians 2:8, 9	Titus 3:5
Must Receive Christ	John 1:12	Revelation 3:20
Assurance of Salvation	1 John 5:13	John 5:24

#### **RELY ON GOD'S RESOURCES**

His Spirit	1 Corinthians 3:16	1 Cor 2:12
His Strength	Isaiah 41:10	Philippians 4:13
His Faithfulness	Lamentations 3:22, 23	Numbers 23:19
His Peace	Isaiah 26:3	1 Peter 5:7
His Provision	Romans 8:32	Philippians 4:19
His Help in Temptation	Hebrews 2:18	Psalms 119:9, 11

# BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLE

Put Christ First	Matthew 6:33	Luke 9:23
Separate From the World	1 John 2:15, 16	Romans 12:2
Be Steadfast	1 Corinthians 15:58	Hebrews 12:3
Serve Others	Mark 10:45	2 Corinthians 4:5
Give Generously	Proverbs 3:9, 10	2 Cor 9:6, 7
Develop World Vision	Acts 1:8	Matt 28:19, 20

# **GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS**

Love	John 13:34, 35	1 John 3:18
Humility	Philippians 2:3, 4	1 Peter 5:5, 6
Purity	Ephesians 5:3	1 Peter 2:11
Honesty	Leviticus 19:11	Acts 24:16
Faith	Hebrews 11:6	Romans 4:20, 21
Good Works	Galatians 6:9, 10	Matthew 5:16

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