



Equipped Disciples Resource Series

How to Begin Memorizing Scripture

As we train and equip Christians to know the Step By Step process of making disciples through our book resource [Now You Can Make Disciples](#), we write about the immense value of Scripture memory. This worksheet is designed to help you begin memorizing Scripture as a spiritual growth tool. For additional context on this topic, please pick up a copy of Now You Can Make Disciples. The full list of our book resources can be found at EquippingDepot.org.

Scripture Memory

At One Eight Catalyst, we have been a longtime proponent of the spiritual discipline of Scripture memorization. Dallas Willard, former Professor of Philosophy at the University of Southern California and prolific author on spiritual growth wrote, "Bible memorization is absolutely fundamental to spiritual formation. If I had to choose between all the disciplines of the spiritual life, I would choose Bible memorization, because it is a fundamental way of filling our minds with what it needs. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth. That's where you need it! How does it get in your mouth? Memorization." As you begin your discipleship ministry, I strongly recommend that you encourage those you are discipling to memorize the two verses every week that I've given you that correspond with the weekly topic. It really is just a great 'add on' to your lesson and will help them as they learn the truths found in God's word found in each weekly topic.

Here are a couple of keys to Bible memorization: First, teaching your people to memorize each passage in a particular way is an important and helpful tool. As I have memorized scripture verses, I always memorize the title first, then the reference, then the verse, then I say the reference again.

Here is an example:

Scripture Memory (title)

Joshua 1:8 (reference)

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (the Bible verse)

Joshua 1:8 (repeat the reference again)

If you and disciples say each of these parts in this order, you will find it helpful because not only will you memorize the verse, but the title acts as the 'handle' that will help you retrieve the verse that you've memorized when you need to recall it. For the Scripture verses recommended for memorization for each weekly topic, just use the title for each weekly topic that corresponds with the verse. (Use the example above for a reference.)

The final step for successful Scripture memorization is having a 'Scripture Memory Buddy' to both help keep



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accountability partner, or in your case, the person/people you are discipling. Having someone in your life whom you know is going to ask you to repeat them from memory is very helpful!

There are a couple of apps for smartphones that are very helpful in memorizing Scripture. The one we like is called Bible Memory: Remember Me. While 'back in the day' we would write our Scripture memory verses on cards and have a hard holder that would keep our cards organized, now with apps like Remember Me, you can memorize them in several different ways, and can move them from 'new' to 'due' to 'known' and as you are memorizing the verses, the app will help you memorize them several different ways. There is even a web interface that you can enter the verses from a PC or Mac, and they sync automatically with the app. It can be found on the Apple or Android app stores. For those interested in a card-based system, you can find the original Navigators' Topical Memory System, which has pre-printed cards and a card holder included in the box on Amazon.com.

OEC Resource Alert



We have created a great book resource to help you know how to make disciples! This step-by-step guide will help you know how to begin obeying Jesus' command for us all to 'go and make disciples.' With practical helps, including a 24 weekly lessons to go through as you begin your first disciple meetings, this book is a great guide to get started. You can find the whole catalog of our book resources at EquippingDepot.org.

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