

DAILY BIBLE READING

Memorizing key passages from the Bible is vital both to anchor you in Christ, the Son of the living God, and to establish you firmly in Christian doctrine. But simple memorization can never replace a faithful, prayerful study of God's Word in daily Bible reading. You must not only read the Word every day, but also meditate on it and study it. Don't just be satisfied with getting the general gist of a passage. Learn exactly what it's talking about and always ask the question "What is God saying to me specifically from the passage?"

It would be difficult to overemphasize the importance of daily Bible reading, and this doesn't mean just hastily racing your eyes over a couple chapters every morning to fulfill a reading quota, but meditating on the passages you plainly understand, reading them slowly to let their meaning sink in. It also means pondering and mulling over things you don't understand, and researching them using other resources

Tips For Memorization:

Here are some practical tips for committing Bible verses to memory. Use the following techniques to write God's Word on your heart:

1. Make a connection with the Word: Whenever you choose to memorize verses that really interest you or that answer questions you have been wrestling with — or that meet a pressing emotional or spiritual need in your life — you're highly motivated to remember them
2. Read each verse out loud several times
3. Repeat each new verse twenty times in the morning, ten midday, and ten in the evening (Remember to quote the reference after the verse EVERY time)
4. Write the verse out ten times
5. Be sure to also write your new memory verses on small flash cards (you can buy 3" x 5" index cards) then keep the cards together in a small box so that you can revisit them
6. Say a prayer and include the memory verse in the prayer
7. Tape a printed copy of the verse to your wall or computer
8. Repeat, Repeat, Repeat

BENEFITS OF MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

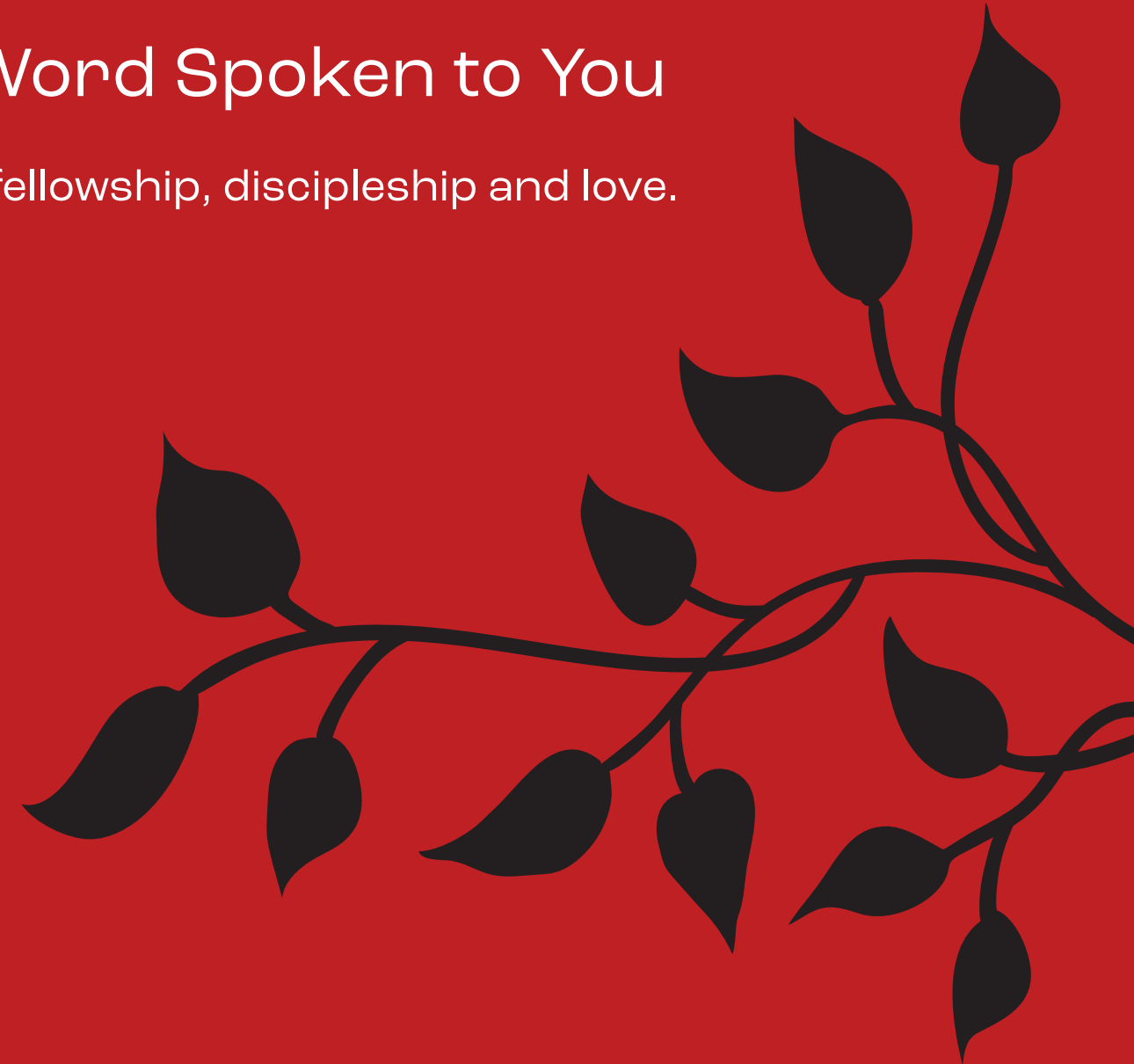
There are many benefits to memorizing scripture, the following are some of them:

1. **Builds a Solid Foundation:** (*Colossians 2:7 — Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness*): Knowing the Word of God strengthens your personal connection and your relationship with Christ. Furthermore, Paul instructed, "Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives." (Colossians 3:16 NLT) You need to be strongly connected to Christ, and focus on Him and His simple, powerful message — to love God and your fellow man
2. **Guides Decision-Making:** (*John 14:26 — But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you*): Before the Holy Spirit can remind you of Jesus' words, you need to impress them on your memory first. Too many Christians make serious life decisions without consulting God in prayer or through his Word
3. **Avoiding Sin:** (*Psalm 119:11 — I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sign against you*): Jesus repeatedly quoted the Word of God to Satan when he tempted Him to disobey God (See Matthew 4:1-10) To every one of the devil's temptations, Jesus answered, "it is written," then quoted a passage verbatim from God's Word
4. **Dispelling Confusion:** (*Ephesians 4:141 — Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.*): It pays to know God's Word so that you'll no longer be infants, tossed back and forth ... If you don't have a clear idea what the Bible says, then deceivers can easily mislead you
5. **Taking the Shield of Faith:** (*Genesis 32:9-12 — Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, LORD, you who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper' ... Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. But you have said, I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted."*): God had made promises to Jacob down through the years, and when he faced tremendous danger, Jacob quoted two of those promises back to him. Jacob had repeated these promises to himself so many times over the years that they were etched on his memory — and they gave him the strength he needed in his darkest hour

RHEMAin

God's Word Spoken to You

A game of fellowship, discipleship and love.



OF PLAYERS: 1-10 Players

CONTENTS: 1 Game Board, Instructions, 104 Scripture Cards, 52 Trivia Cards, Challenge Die, Standard Die, 10 Pawns, Scoring Pad

OBJECTIVE OF THE GAME:

Players move along the game path by memorizing/reciting scripture and answering trivia questions correctly. The goal is to create a fun and comfortable environment for players to grow closer to God. The first player to reach FINISH wins the game

GETTING STARTED:

1. Unfold the Gameboard and lay flat on a level surface
2. **Vote on a trustworthy person as the Game Administrator (GA)**
3. Shuffle and stack scripture and trivia cards
4. Each person selects a pawn and places pawn in center of board

LET'S PLAY!

Basic Gameplay:

1. Player rolls the Standard Die
2. Proceed to moving the pawn clockwise the number of spaces represented on the Standard Die
3. When landing on a **Scripture Square** (Blank Square) — Pull scripture card
Do you know the scripture?

- a. If Yes — Recite scripture from memory and roll/move/pull again
- b. If No — Scripture card is retained, and the turn is over
 - i. **Advanced Gameplay Modifier:** When the player admits that he/she does not know the scripture, the scripture card is open for others to recite. If someone recites the scripture from memory, then they move the number of spaces represented on the Die



EXHALTED



HUMBLED



CHANGE SPACES



ROLL AGAIN



TRIVIA

4. When landing on a **Challenge Square** — Role Challenge Die and follow the below directions depending on the face of the die
 - a. **Exalted** (Player gets to move 1 space forward)
 - b. **Humbled** (Player has to move 1 space backward)
 - c. **Change Spaces** — Switch spaces with a competitor
 - d. **Roll Again** — Player may roll again and move pawn accordingly
 - e. **Trivia** — Answer trivia question correctly and move forward one square. Answer trivia incorrectly and move back one square
 - f. **Note:** After Challenge has been completed, the player is to pull a scripture card (see step 3)
5. Game Play for each session is over when every player has a scripture card in hand that they haven't memorized
 - a. **Note:** The GA must keep used scripture cards and trivia cards separated throughout the duration of game play

Scripture Presentation:

6. **Scripture Recital:** The memorized scripture is to be recited to the group without visual assistance. However, visual assistance may be used for interpretation and application.
Order of presentation is as follows:
 - a. Recite Scripture from memory
 - b. Explain Interpretation
 - c. Explain Application
 - d. Discuss as group

Note: The GA sets the tone of the game play by applying **Law** or **Grace**. Law means, that every single word of the scripture needs to be recited ... no exceptions. Grace means that players will not be penalized for missed words. The penalty for not memorizing scripture is a forfeited turn during game play ... you don't get to roll the dice and advance

7. After the scripture recital portion of the small group fellowship is over, then each player rolls the dice and plays the game

Teen Play Modifier: The GA should be prepared ask teens questions about scripture to stimulate conversation. Teens will memorize and recite, but they will need assistance with the overall application and interpretation

GAME PLAY DO'S AND DON'TS

- **You Can:** Encourage each other through the anxiety of trying to recite scripture
It's okay to be competitive, but be mindful of others during the recital process
- **You Can't:** Players can't give answers in trivia or scripture reciting
Hecklers are penalized by being humbled (Moved 1 space backward)

Game Administrator (GA) Duties:

The GA sets the "house rules" for the game, but not necessarily in isolation.

Allow the group to assist with setting game play parameters such as ...

- Accuracy criteria for scripture reciting (Grace vs. Law)
- Timing of Scripture recitals (Large Groups)
- Order of game play from day to day
- Capturing pawn positioning at the end of each meeting (cell phone picture)
- Advanced Play: If player doesn't know scripture, open up the scripture for competitive takers. If someone else recites the scripture then they get to move the number of spaces represented on the die
- Multiple players within a roll of winning the game — Have a dice roll-off.
Priority goes to whoever rolls the highest / lowest number on the dice
- Missed Sessions: People will miss game play sessions. When they return, they are to recite the last scripture received
- Last minute additions to the group: The Challenge Square aspect of the game enables new comers to get into the race to the finish line



WINNING THE GAME

Continue to work your way clockwise around the board by rolling the dice, memorizing scripture, and responding to challenges. The first person to reach the FINISH square wins the game! The squares with umbrellas are SAFETY SQUARES. You are protected from the CHANGE SPACES challenges

The majority of your time together will be consumed by the scripture recital/discussion activities. During this time, the GA (in addition to participating) determines the order of presentations and manages time. The GA roles and responsibilities are equivalent to that of a small group leader, and they can be shared amongst others. Sharing GA responsibilities helps to stimulate leadership in others. Each person will spend 7 days with a scripture. Encourage them to spend time in the Word of God daily

Deuteronomy 11: Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up

