

## **GWL – “If my words abide in you” - Memorizing Scripture Handout**

Purpose of message:

All I want to do with this message is to give you my testimony mixed with Jesus' testimony of the value of memorizing Scripture.

### **7 Reasons on memorizing Scripture**

1. Memorizing Scripture helps me be able to recite Gods word when a Bible isn't available
2. Every verse I memorize is an avenue or door in which God (through the Holy Spirit) can directly speak to me with full assurance that it is true that it is from Him.
3. Memorizing Scripture is the most practical way I can obey Scripture as it commands me to meditate on the word day and night. (Jos 1:8)
4. Memorizing Scripture equips me with the necessary weapons to fight the evil one and overcome sin/strongholds in my life (2 Cor. 10:3-5)
5. Memorizing Scripture shapes how I view the world by conforming my mind to Gods viewpoint on everything (Rom 12:2)
6. Memorizing Scripture is the strongest words to minister to someone in need
7. Memorizing Scripture strengthens my faith and helps me to keep the Gospel and the Word of God at the center of my heart

### **Jesus' Testimony**

John 15:7 "If you remain in me and my words \_\_\_\_\_ in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given to you."

What does abide mean???

Why?

John 5:38-39

Piper's definition:

The abiding of the Word in our hearts means that the words of Jesus takes \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives and bears the fruit of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Example:

John 17:17 – \_\_\_\_\_

Why does the Word have that affect of sanctification???

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Why Memorize Scripture?

When we memorize the Scripture, we make that \_\_\_\_\_ between the word our  
\_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_ and more  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Here are some practical ways on how to memorize Scripture**

#### **1. Repetition, Repetition, Repetition!!!**

#### **2. Make it a part of you everyday life**

Examples: Shower, brushing your teeth, short and long car rides, meals, walking in between classes...etc.

#### **3. Eliminate/Reduce time wasters and bring the word of God.**

Example: Netflix, tv shows, video games, social media...etc.

#### **4. Review, Review, Review**

#### **5. Bible memorizing Apps**

#### **6. Place the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of each word**

#### **7. Have a friend or bible study, test you or hold you accountable**

#### **8. In memorizing large passages of Scripture,**

- Say the verse out loud
- Close your eyes and repeat the verse from memory until you get it right (x3)
- Move onto the next verse, Repeat steps 1+2, say both verses
- Continue to Repeat until you can say the whole thing

#### **9. Write it down from memory**

#### **10. Look for patterns, word associations, create a song to it (Ellie Holcomb), record and listen to yourself...be creative**