

# MEMORIZE!

## 1. Jesus, Mary, Peter, Steven, Paul, and others demonstrate the power of memorized Scripture

Luke 4, Luke 1:46-55, Acts 2:14-35, Acts 7:2-53, Acts 13:13-41

## 2. Why do people sometimes hold back on storing God's Word in their memory?

- 1) We have the printing press today—easy access to literature.
- 2) There is little emphasis on memory skills today
- 3) Memorizing seems tedious and boring
- 4) Low estimate of our ability to remember
- 5) Memorizing requires a certain level of self-discipline
- 6) We haven't tasted the rich rewards of well-used memorized Scripture.

## 3. Advantages of memorizing

- 1) Memorizing drives Scripture roots deep
- 2) Memorizing chews the meat of the Word thoroughly
- 3) Memorizing makes the Scripture meal last
- 4) Memorizing provides instant access to Scripture
- 5) Memorizing adds authority to our comments about Biblical truths

## 4. Even if we do forget some of what we memorize:

- 1) We'll know where to find it
- 2) We'll relearn it more quickly
- 3) The verse will be strongly encountered and reinforced
- 4) The very act of memorizing reinforces our commitment to Christ
- 5) Memorizing sharpens our minds

## 5. Keys to effective memorization

- 1) Consistent effort
- 2) Finding a method that works for you
- 3) Finding a method(s) that you enjoy
- 4) Using a variety of approaches
- 5) Find verses that you are eager to learn
- 6) Use the verses you do learn
- 7) Go at a pace that suits you
- 8) Use otherwise unproductive time
- 9) Scheduled review



## 6. Ways to use the Word

- 1) We praise/worship, 2) We claim a promise, 3) we find comfort/healing,
- 4) we find guidance, 5) we give a witness, 6) we teach