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Week 2/3: Scripture Memorization
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to be inspired to memorize Scripture and be empowered to memorize a verse this next week.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-2 &
Psalm 119:11

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Some of your students may have memorized Scripture before and some most likely have not. Some may have never thought about it before! Our goals today are two fold: to INSPIRE and EMPOWER students.

To INSPIRE your group – is there a personal story about how knowing a Scripture helped you in your life? Take a moment to share it and inspire your students.

To EMPOWER your group – have practical discussions on WHAT verse they are going to memorize and HOW they can memorize it. It may even be great to either have a verse you all agree to memorize together or set a time of day you all stop together to work on your memorization. You can even text each other encouragement during that time.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.



CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

Actively hiding God's word in our hearts transforms us in the best way.

GET THEM TALKING

What are some of your favorite songs and when they come on – you can sing every word?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had to memorize something for school? If you had to give a friend tips to memorize things, what would you recommend?

READ ROMANS 12:1-2 and discuss:

2. In your own words, what does it mean to "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice?"
3. In your own words, what does it mean to "not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind?"

READ PSALM 119:11 and discuss:

4. Why is this verse important to us in our lives?
5. How does memorizing Scripture help us live out this verse in our lives?
6. Have you ever tried memorizing Scripture before? How did that go?
7. Let's do this together! Would you all rather pick a Bible verse to memorize together, a same time of day to take 10 minutes to memorize and text and encourage each other, or both? Let's vote to decide.

NEXT STEP

Pass out the next step cards and as a group, make a plan to memorize a verse. Give your students ideas of verses they could memorize. Have them write down both the verse and the time of day they are going to take 10 minutes to work on memorizing their Scripture before they leave.

PRAYER

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

ROMANS 12:1-2 (NIV)

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

PSALM 119:11 (NIV)

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”