

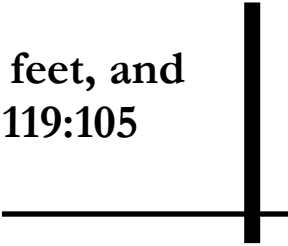
STUDY THREE

Discipleship Class 2009

How to study the Bible



**“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and
a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105**



MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

One of the most difficult areas of Bible Study and Reading seems to be the memorization of Scripture. Some have no problems remembering dozens of football players and teams / motorcyclists / holiday destinations / Playstation and Xbox rules etc but when it comes to Scripture they are like little infants, unable to understand anything they read in the Bible.

Psalm 119:11 tells us to hide the Word of God in our hearts so as not to sin against the LORD. The only way to do that is to commit to memory the Word of God.

Perhaps a little help is needed in this department. So for the most part we will be concentrating on 'How to memorize Scripture' effectively.

(a) HOW MANY VERSES DO YOU KNOW ALREADY?

Make a list (just write the reference i.e. John 3:16)

(b) WHAT VERSES OR PASSAGES DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

The Devil does not care what gifts or talents you have or who you are but what he is afraid of is a young person who knows the Word of God.

You need to think like the Bible you need to talk like the Bible and you need to live and walk in the knowledge of God's Word. Scripture memorization is the only way that can be done. That is why the Devil does not want you to memorize Scripture.

You want to be so fluent with the Bible that no matter what topic comes up in conversation / witnessing / LORD'S work you will be able to quote a passage or verse that relates to that subject or thing.

The question is how do I do that?

Topical memorization.

Memorize verses that will be of benefit to you in the service of Christ.

What does the Bible say about:

Christ / Sin / Hell / Heaven / Judgment / Salvation / Service / Worry / Devil / Obedience / love / Relationships / marriage / Church / Temptation / Death / Prayer / Holiness / Relationship with others / Worldliness / Creation / Joy / Repentance / Trials / Faith / Spiritual warfare etc.

Pastor Greg Locke said, "The easiest way to memorize Scripture is topically."

He advised the following:

(i) Choose your topic — Write it down on a small card the topics you feel will be of greater help to you.

(ii) List your verses in order — Simply find verses on that particular topic and write down the references from the Old Testament to the New. This way you remember the verses because they are in the order of the Books of the Bible.

(iii) Memorize all references first — Think of the Book then the chapter then the verse.

(iv) Fill in the verses — Important to write the verses yourself as it helps you to remember them more easily.

(v) Memorize the verses — Take your time and learn a bit at a time. Then add another phrase until you have memorized the entire verse.

(vi) Repetition is the key to learning — Discipline is necessary. Keep at it and never give up. God's Word is worth memorizing and it will do you and all who hear you good.

Remember Psalm 119:11 "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee."