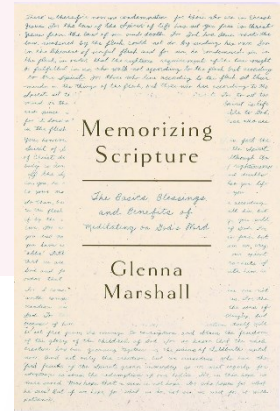




# LEADER'S GUIDE

## MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE BY GLENNA MARSHALL



*"When the words of the Lord live in your heart, they change your heart. How do we let them dwell in our hearts richly? By feasting on them regularly, thinking on them, reciting them— mumbling them over and over to ourselves."*

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### THEMES

Scripture Memorization

True Treasure

Sin

Loving God

Suffering

Encouragement

### HEADS UP! (TRIGGERS AND DELICATE TOPICS)

Infertility

Chronic Illness

### BOOK SUMMARY

In *Memorizing Scripture*, Glenna Marshall shows us that to love God with our hearts, we must first love him with our minds. While many of us might find the idea of scripture memorization daunting, Glenna gently encourages us to begin to meditate on God's word. God has chosen to reveal himself to us through Scripture, and as we memorize God's Word, our daily faith, discernment, courage to share Christ, hope during trials, and ability to fight sin, will grow.

This book is full to the brim and overflowing with the hope we have in Christ and the truth that God's Word helps us to overcome sin and find the strength and wisdom we need to keep running our race well. There are many practical memorization tips, anecdotal stories, and resources to help readers on their memorization journeys.

As we begin to keep God's Word in our hearts, the things of this world will fade and we'll learn to love and treasure God more and more, and through all circumstances.





## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & TALKING POINTS

1

Q. Why is it important to memorize God's Word, and what are some of the benefits of Scripture memorization?

### TALKING POINTS

Below are some of the benefits and blessings associated with Scripture memorization (page25-26);

- To endure suffering
- To avoid sin
- To seek holiness
- To remain steadfast
- To know God
- To have joy
- To gain understanding
- To be satisfied
- To discern truth
- To be vindicated
- To obey God
- To share God's Word

2

Q. In chapter 2, *You Can Memorize Scripture*, Glenna debunks the common misconception that we have bad memories or are too forgetful to memorize scripture. Instead, she encourages us to learn how to purposefully form new memories to aid our memorization. Could you relate to this misconception? Which method outlined in this chapter suits your learning style best?

### TALKING POINTS

In the section, *Different Brains, Different Methods*, Glenna lists four common learning styles (p35-42);

- Write the Word (p37)
- Look at the Word (p38)
- Listen to the Word (p39)
- Speak the Word (p41)

3

Q. Glenna says, "If we want to know God, we must know Him in the way He has revealed Himself: Scripture" (p64). While knowledge itself is not the endgame, why is it crucial to continue to grow in our knowledge of God?

### TALKING POINTS

"Knowledge of God is the *means* to the end of loving and enjoying Him" (p65);

- As our knowledge of God grows, we develop a more intimate relationship with Him.
- As we're drawn closer to God through His Word, His Word has an impact on our minds and hearts through conviction, repentance, humility, praise, adoration, exultation and love for God.
- "Time spent knowing the Father, the Son, and the Spirit in Scripture will lead to a deeper affection for God and certainty of His love for us" (p69).
- When we don't desire knowledge of God, reading the Word can restore our joy and love for Him.

# 4

Q. In Chapter 5, *To Hate Your Sin*, Glenna says, "When it comes to fighting our sin, we must address it in the place where it all begins: in our minds" (p77). How did this chapter encourage you in your fight against sin? If you're comfortable, share a specific experience or temptation you are currently battling.

## TALKING POINTS

"Temptations are not only common, but they are also escapable" (p83);

- We can "take every thought captive to obey Christ", 2 Cor. 10:5 (p78)
- We can "do battle like Jesus" who used the Scripture embedded in His heart and mind as a weapon against the enemy (p80).
- We can confidently call out to Jesus for help when we are weak and struggling, knowing that He tenderly cares for us and has compassion for us.
- We can examine our influences and unsubscribe from the things which lead us astray (p87).

# 5

Q. In Chapter 6, *Remain Steadfast*, Glenna says, "The Bible is for the suffering" (p91). Discuss the ways God's Word helps us to survive while we're suffering.

## TALKING POINTS

Jesus promised us that we would suffer and experience trials in this world, but He also encouraged us to take heart because He has overcome the world (John 16:33).

- "Deep suffering is the soil in which hope in the Lord grows. That is the gift of Scripture when life is falling apart" (p92).
- "The Bible reminds us that hope is never lost if we are in Christ. The very reason we have the written Word of God is so that we don't lose hope in Him" (p92).
- "Scripture holds the promises we need to have hope in suffering. So, filling our minds with it during the dark nights of the soul will help us to remain steadfast in the storm" (p93).
- "God's Word gives peace and certainty like nothing else" (p95).
- "Scripture memory won't end your suffering, but it can get you through it" (p95).

# 6

Q. Why is it important to renew our minds with God's Word?

## TALKING POINTS

"Whatever it is we spend time thinking about will influence our decision-making and actions" (p104).

- As humans we function through a process of influence > thought > action, and this is why the process of renewal must begin in our minds. James, in James 1:14-15, explains that sin begins with desire in the mind and grows into full-fledged disobedience in action (p105).
- Thinking about Christ throughout the day changes the way we reason, make decisions, speak and act (p104).
- "We cannot renew our minds if we are not living wholeheartedly for Him... *God wants all of you.* He wants your heart, your obedience, your gifts... you'll only ever find soul satisfaction when you belong to the Lord wholeheartedly" (p107-108).
- "Renewing our minds with Scripture each day enables us to live fully devoted to Him – heart, soul, mind and strength" (p108).
- When we set our hearts and minds on Christ, the appeal of earthly things fades (p114).

# 7

Q. God has given us His Word so that we can encourage others, but “the manner in which we deliver God’s Word to a troubled heart matters” (p122). What are some of the right and wrong ways we can use Scripture?

## TALKING POINTS

Scripture can be mishandled in two ways (despite good intentions);

- The (Well-Meaning) Hammer; where our passion for truth can undermine our attempt to encourage (p121).
- The (Unintentional) Heretic; where we encourage with biblical truth but not in the proper context (p124).

“We don’t memorize Scripture to keep it to ourselves. Though many of the benefits will be ours, internalizing God’s Word will undoubtedly serve those around you” (p130).

- “It is our duty and privilege to share the name of Christ with a lost and dying world...But if I’m honest sharing the gospel with an unbeliever can sometimes be the scariest conversation imaginable” (p128).
- “We must depend on the Spirit to supply what we need when looking for ways to thread the gospel into our conversations, yet we can also do the preemptive work of hiding Scripture in our hearts so that we have a well of truth to draw from” (p129).

# 8

Q. “Memorizing Scripture is never about a destination of recitation. It is all about the journey of treasuring God’s Word in your heart” (p142). Do you believe this book has helped you treasure God’s Word more deeply?

## TALKING POINTS

“When you need hope for tomorrow, or next year or twenty years from now, the truth of the verses you memorize today will well up in your heart with encouragement and certainty. While you recite at the kitchen sink or rehearse in the shower or mumble aloud on your commute to work, the Lord will shape your heart little by little, phrase by phrase. He’ll renew your mind while you commit His words to memory” (p142).

# 9

Q. Glenna says, “You don’t have to find new time to memorize Scripture; simply redeem the time you already have” (p57). What time have you “redeemed” for this purpose?

## TALKING POINTS

Examples of “redeemed” time could include;

- Praying or listening to an audio Bible while walking or during car trips.
- Intentionally choosing to do memory practice instead of scrolling social media.
- Downloading a memory verse app and playing while waiting in line at the pharmacy or supermarket.

# 10

Q. Which scripture memorization tip did you find most helpful, and which verse, chapter, or book have you begun to memorize?

## TALKING POINTS

Memorization tips and recommended verses can be found at the end of each chapter:

- Imagery/Word pictures (p29)
- Pairing memory work with daily tasks (p44)
- Memorizing alongside others (p60)
- Ask yourself what is true about God (p74)
- Post-it notes or index cards (p88)
- Praying God's Word (p101)
- Pneumonic device (p116)
- Learn scriptures for specific situations; sharing the Gospel or encouraging a friend (p130)
- Listen to, or write the Word and try a new scripture if you get stuck (p143)

\*Memorization resources can be found on pages 145-149.



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