



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Series- The Vision & Bible Memorization
Vision Sunday: Sunday 21st Feb.2020

The Vision & Bible Memory

I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you. Ps. 119:11

Keep my commands and you will live;
guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.
3 Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.
Proverbs 7:2-3.

1. Start with why? Good reasons to remember.

- Scripture commands it. Ps. 119:11, Deut. 11:18.
- Jesus' seemed to practice it. Luke 4:1-13.
- To refute the enemy. James 4:7
- Because to remember is to eat. Luke 4:4.
- To keep yourself aligned with God's vision for your life. Ps 119:9

2. Vision verses:

- Making Disciples: Matthew 28:18-20.
- Adoption & life in the Spirit. Jn. 1:12-13 & Gal 4:6-7.
- Marked by Love. John 13:34-35 & 1 John 4:7-8
- Learning to serve & serving to learn. Mark 10:45 & John 13:13-15.
- Propelled outwards carrying the good news. Mark 1:17 & Acts 1:8.

3. Some thoughts on how- A process.

- Recite it. Read, re-read and say it out loud.
- Write it down.
- Read it in context. (A text without a context is a proof-text for a pretext.)
- Meditate on it.
- Get a memory partner. (Small group).

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read 119:11, Proverbs 7:2-3 & Deut 11:18. Do you think that these verses encourage us to memorize scripture? If so- for what reason?
2. Read Luke 4:1-13. What does this passage say about Jesus and scripture memory? How did he use it and how did it set him apart from who Israel were in the wilderness?
3. Read James 4:7 & recalling Luke 4:1-13- how does scripture memory and resisting the adversary / Satan relate?
4. Read 119:9. How does this verse speak to the place of knowing scripture in keeping ourselves aligned with the vision that God has for us?

B. Meditation & application

5. Have you ever tried scripture memory before? What was the experience like and what value do you think it had? Can you see any value in entrusting verses to memory?
6. When you think about learning our verses what hurdles and obstacles can you anticipate will get in the way of you actually memorizing them? How can you develop a plan to make it happen and mitigate against those obstacles?
7. How would you describe your memory? What tools, hacks and tricks do you have in seeking to remember things in your kitbag?
8. Read all the verses in the list related to our vision one by one. As you read them discuss how they relate to that particular aspect of our profile of a disciple. Think of other verses that you know of that might speak into that aspect of our vision. Choose one or two of the verses and ask yourself what changes you might make if you were to act on the things that verse is calling you to?
9. Make a plan to memorize the verses. One reference a week perhaps and pray together that you might be enabled to memorize them?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- We want to live in ways that align with your vision for us. Write your word on our hearts and minds and teach us to renew our minds by memorizing these scriptures and putting them into practice. In Jesus Name- Amen.