Discussion Guide: June 23, 2024

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Message: Memorization and Meditation

Series: The Heart Behind It

PRIMARY PASSAGES:

Joshua 1:8-9: Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; <u>meditate on it day and night</u>, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Romans 12:2: Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be <u>transformed by the renewing of your mind</u>. Then you will be able to test and approve <u>what God's will is</u> - His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Psalms 119:10-11: How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to Your word. I seek You with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands. <u>I have hidden Your word in my heart</u> that I might not sin against You.

Psalms 1:1-2: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose <u>delight</u> is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on Hi56s law day and night.

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS: Five Benefits of Memorizing Scripture

- Strengthens you against temptation
- <u>Transforms</u> your mind
- Applies wisdom and discernment
- Realize God's will
- <u>Trains you to live rightly</u>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Describe a time when remembering God's word has helped strengthen you against temptation. How has recalling a verse that you have memorized helped you when Satan has thrown temptations or accusations your way?
- 2. Read Joshua 1:8-9 and Romans 12:2. How has dwelling and meditating on God's word help transform your mind to be like Christ? How has it helped you know God's will more?
- 3. Read Psalms 119:10-11 and Psalms 1:1-2. When was the last time you savored something in your life? When was the last time you savored or relished spending time in God's presence?
- 4. Are you so concerned with knowing about God that you neglect listening to God? Is your life filled with too much noise to hear God? What are some ways you can free up space so you can soak in God's presence?

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to delight in just being in Your presence this week. Help us to savor and long for being in Your word. Holy Spirit, give us the desire and ability to hide God's word in our hearts so that we can grow in our intimacy with Jesus. Amen

Additional Resources for Memorization and Meditation



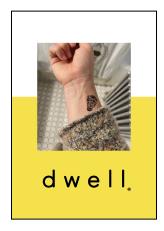
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