

WEEK TEN, DISCIPLE MAKING

Chapter 8, "STORE: An Eternal Investment Strategy," *Growing Up*

Robby's quote from Chuck Swindoll states the truth regarding Scripture memory as well as it can be said, *"I know of no other single practice in the Christian life more rewarding, practically speaking, than memorizing Scripture. . . . No other single exercise pays greater spiritual dividends! Your prayer life will be strengthened. Your witnessing will be sharper and much more effective. Your attitudes and outlook will begin to change. Your mind will become alert and observant. Your confidence and assurance will be enhanced. Your faith will be solidified."* Chuck Swindoll

Robby gives a wealth of information regarding memorization and meditation. The one commitment I would encourage you to seek from your group, if they are not already firmly committed to Scripture memory, is a fresh dedication to internalizing the Word of God. As Robby so aptly shared with a senior saint who commented that they were too old to memorize Scripture, "I would rather you spend one year **working on** one verse than to stand before Christ with none of His Word memorized."

The following questions are given to aid you as you lead the discussion this week and apply the truths from Chapter 8. It is not imperative for you to use these questions or to cover all of them.

- The most common reason I hear from people regarding why they don't memorize Scripture is, "It's hard. It's especially harder if you are older. You know, it's just not as easy to memorize things as it was when I was younger." I'm 61, so I have empathy towards that statement. **However, what does ease have to do with Christian discipline such as Scripture memory?** 1 Timothy 4:7 reminds us, "Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness." Discipline is difficult—or else it wouldn't be discipline! I don't have to discipline myself to eat sweets; I just naturally do it. I have to

discipline myself not to. Again, **what does ease have to do with Christian discipline?**

- **On a scale of 1-10, (in your opinion) how important was Scripture memory to Jesus?** To see what I believe is evidence for a very high number, look at Luke 4:1-13.
- **Discuss the power of hearing the Word of God quoted (from memory) as someone prays, witnesses, teaches a lesson, or gives wisdom or counsel to others.**
- **Are there times you have desired to have a verse of Scripture in your heart, but didn't. How did that make you feel?**

Our verse next week is Jeremiah 15:16.