# **Survival Kit!**

### FAST Survival Kit #5 - Fellowship

#### Memo:

Hi! Welcome one last time to our FAST Survival Kit. We pray this program has been a blessing to you—giving you useful tools for



surviving as a Christian. These principles are so important, it is a good idea to review them regularly. Every few months skim through the lessons again. Or better yet, find a friend, and introduce them to the lessons. There is much more to the Christian life, but you must never lose sight of the basics!

And we hope, by now, you are beginning to see Scripture memory as one of those basics. Over and over God instructs his children to hide the Word in their hearts: Deuteronomy 6:6, Job 22:22, Proverbs 7:1-3, I Corinthians 15:1-2, Colossians 3:16, etc. But God does more than just command us to memorize—He blesses His Word, and makes it the joy and rejoicing of our heart. The Bible becomes so sweet we would never want to give it up! Friend, press forward—taste and see for yourself.

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Bible Secrets to Memorizing Scripture

# Objectives Week 5

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	Welcome to our fifth and final Bible Search. This study talks about one of the most important keys to success in the Christian life: <b>Fellowship</b> . To put it simply, we need one another. If we are serious about pressing forward—we must be serious about pressing together!		
	Your fifth memory verse is a bit longer than the others, but it is a great one: <b>Hebrews 10:24-25</b> . Start working on it early in the week. Also, make sure you have your other four verses down perfectly. Review, review, review! Just think, you will soon have memorized your first full "handful" of verses! Don't stop here though—there are plenty more where these came from!		
	Your last two <b>Keys to Scripture Memory</b> are just ahead. Read them carefully, and then review them with the other eight keys you have learned already—until you can recite all ten, in order. Also, take a few moments to think about your plans to continue your memorization of the Word. Are		

I will never forget thy precepts: For with them thou hast quickened me. Psalms 119:93

you committed to sticking with it? We hope so!

# Fellowship Bible Search 5

Welcome to the last Bible Search in our Survival Kit program. This study deals with one more critical key to survival—fellowship. God did not design any of us to strike out on the Christian path alone. Rather, His plan is for us to enjoy the rich blessings of caring fellowship. Make sure fellow believers are always an important part of your life!

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

1. What is the true purpose of Christian fellowship? Hebrews 10:24-25

Note: God knows we need the encouragement and exhortation of other Christians to succeed in the Christian life. This need will increase as we draw nearer and nearer to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

2. Why is this kind of fellowship so important? Hebrews 3:13-14

Note: It is dangerous to try and survive as a Christian on our own. Do what it takes to find some faithful Christian fellowship and get the encouragement and exhortation you need!

3.	What is the purpose of exhortation? Ephesians 4:15
4.	Note: Exhortation is simply saying those things that will help another person become more like Jesus. To be effective, it must be said in the spirit of love.  What should be the bond that connects believers together in
	fellowship? Colossians 3:14
	Where does this come from? Romans 5:5
5.	Read I Thessalonians 2:7-13. What are some of the ways Paul's love for these believers can be seen?
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6.	How is Paul's love evident in 1 Thessalonians 3:5-11?
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	Evaluate your life. How does it compare with the apostle Paul in love for your brothers and sisters in Christ?
	Note: Genuine fellowship is a precious privilege! But it does not happen by accident—it takes work, commitment, and effort to find and build strong relationships. Yes, friendship takes time, but the rewards are worth it.
7.	What did Paul say would be the end result of learning to love one another? I Thessalonians 3:12-13
	Note: Incredible! Paul longed to see the hearts of these new believers established in holiness—and he was convinced it would be love for one another that would accomplish it!

8.	Read Matthew 22:36-39. What light do these verses shed on the importance of Christian fellowship?
	Note: Christian fellowship stands at the intersection of the Bible's two greatest commandments: love for one another rooted in mutual love for God. What could be more important?
9.	What are your plans to ensure that you experience the blessings of Christian fellowship in the days ahead?
	You have now completed the final Bible Search in our FAST Survival Kit. You have examined the joy-giving truth that God has a rich plan for your life, the transforming power of a Christ-centered mind, the secret to getting back up when you stumble into sin, how to discern God's direction when perplexed, and the blessings of genuine Christian fellowship. All are crucial if you want to survive—and thrive—in your Christian walk. Are you willing to commit yourself right now to building these five basic principles into your life?

☐ Yes ☐ No

# **Keys to Scripture Memory Practical Suggestions**

You have reached our last booklet, and our last two keys to memorizing Scripture. Have you been successful in learning your verses? Can you quote them all word-perfect? Do you know their references? Are you meditating on each verse, and applying them to your life? How is your daily review coming? This week we will look at two more keys to Scripture memory—keys that will help you stay faithful in your memorization through the weeks and months to come. Study them prayerfully!

#### Key #9. Set a Pace

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:31-32

More important than how determined you are to memorize right now—is how consistent you will be down the road. Will you still be memorizing five years from now? In five months? or even in five weeks? Two verses a week will become a thousand in ten years, but only if you are consistent—for ten years! What counts is "continuing" in the Word.

How do you do it? Just this: set a pace. We recommend starting with two verses a week. If that becomes too easy, try setting a goal of three or four verses a week. The trick is to make it a rule to never memorize less than your goal. You can always memorize more—but you must not allow a single week to slip by when you memorize less. Set a weekly pace that's not too difficult, and then get serious about sticking with it!

### **Key #10. Get Some Accountability**

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.

Hebrews 3:13-14

We have found that the biggest key to success in Scripture memory, especially at first, is accountability. Don't risk going it alone! Without accountability, it is far too easy to slack off—first one week, and then another. Soon your whole Scripture memory program has crashed! Instead, look for a team that assigns and checks up on new verses weekly. If there is no such team in your area, gather one or two friends together and lead them through the Survival Kit yourself—and then continue on to one of our advanced memory courses. Perhaps you can already think of individuals who would enjoy learning to hide God's Word in their heart with you. You will find sharing these memory keys a great way to establish them more firmly in your own life.

FAST offers a number of exciting resources to help you continue your memorization of God's Word, and grow in important areas as a Christian.

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We look forward to hearing from you!