**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHALLENGE FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)**

1. **What is Community Bible Challenge (CBC)?**
2. CBC is a scripture memorization program for all ages. It is specifically designed to be intergenerational and implemented through small groups. CBC provides small group leader training, study materials, and 20 fun and creative methods for successfully memorizing both small and large sections of scripture.
3. **Why memorize scripture when I have a Bible and a Bible app to use as a resource?**
4. God originally put his Word on tablets of clay and then instructed his people to establish it in their hearts so they can talk about it when walking and sitting down, as well as impressing it upon their children **(Deut. 6:5-7).** Although today His Word is readily available on paper and apps, may we not be those who keep the Word of God on a shelf or in the “cloud” as a resource tool only, but rather memorize and meditate on it daily, being transformed and renewed by its power! After all, in **Matthew 4:4**, Jesus himself says: “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” We are called to plant it, hide it, and drink the Word like milk into our hearts, minds, and souls, and then do what it says**! (James 1:21-22, Psalm 119:11, 1 Peter 2:2-3, Job 23:12, Psalm 1:1-2, Psalm 19:9a-10, Isaiah 40:8, John 17:17, 2 Timothy 2:15, James 1:22)**
5. **Why choose a program like CBC for your school, church or organization?**
6. While most individuals have good intentions about memorizing scripture, without consistent accountability, support, and repetition, it can often be difficult to stay self-motivated and disciplined apart from a structured program such as CBC. We have been successfully implementing our scripture memorization methods for over 14 years through our youth programs, TBC and KBC (Teen and Kids Bible Challenge), and now we are bringing our ministry to the adult level using the same time-tested, proven methods.
7. **How does CBC work?**
8. Each organizationdetermines the best time frame to implement the memorization program for their particular needs. Study materials are then distributed and used to support participants through group memorization, encouragement, and accountability. Participants may also study the material on their own for further scripture memory reinforcement. Once individuals have memorized assigned portions of scripture, they come together to test and reinforce their knowledge through one-time or recurring CBC-hosted events. These celebrations include opportunities for one-on-one scripture recitals and/or friendly Bible jump quiz competitions, and successful memorization may be rewarded with ribbons, trophies, and drawings for prizes. Each CBC group decides whether to join other fellowships for these program-end events, or stay within their own fellowship.
9. **What translation of the Bible is used**?
10. The 2011 copyright edition of the New International Version (NIV).

**Q. Where might CBC fit into a church’s programming?**

1. CBC programming can take place according to the suggested CBC schedule below, or we can help develop a tailor-made schedule to meet your fellowship’s scripture memorization goals. We suggest considering the following three time frames: 1) September through mid-November, 2) January through the end of February, 3) June through August.

**Q. How do I get started**?

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