

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

3 STEPS OF BIBLE STUDY

1. OBSERVATION

2. INTERPRETATION

3. APPLICATION

OBSERVATION WHAT IT SAYS

OBSERVATION

- O- OBSERVE PRAYERFULLY
- B- BIG PICTURE (CONTEXT)
- S- STYLE OF LITERATURE
- E- EXPLORE FOR COMMANDS
- R- RECORD WARNINGS
- V- VENTURE TO FIND PROMISES
- A- ASK & ANSWER QUESTIONS IN TEXT
- T- TARGET KEY LOCATIONS & PEOPLE
- I- INSPECT FOR CONTRASTS
- O- OVERVIEW IN LIGHT OF CONTEXT
- N- NOTE REPEATED & KEY WORDS

INTERPRETATION WHAT IT MEANS

CONTEXT

1. HISTORICAL

2. LITERARY

3. BIBLICAL ENTIRETY

BRIDGE THE GAPS

1. LANGUAGE

2. CULTURE

3. GEOGRAPHY

4. HISTORY

APPLICATION HOW DOES IT APPLY TO MY LIFE?

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN READING THE BIBLE

- 1. IS THERE A SIN TO BE CONFESSED?
- 2. IS THERE A COMMAND TO BE OBEYED?
- 3. IS THERE A PROMISE THAT CAN BE APPLIED?
- 4. IS THERE A TIMELESS PRINCIPLE TO BE APPLIED?

APPLICATION (CONT.)

MEDITATION

MEMORIZATION

SUGGESTIONS FOR BIBLE READING

- 1. KNOW WHAT TYPE OF BOOK YOU ARE READING
- 2. KNOW WHO WROTE IT AND TO WHOM IT WAS WRITTEN
- 3. READ CONSISTENTLY TO UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT
- 4. READ EXPECTANTLY (ASKING WHAT SHOULD I DO?)
- 5. HAVE A PLAN FOR READING (BOOK TO BOOK)
- 6. READ REPETITIOUSLY
- 7. ALWAYS PRAY BEFORE YOU READ

