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EXPLORE WORKSHOP

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Transforming encounters exists to provide resources for the Church to equip their congregations to study, apply and teach God's Word in order to see lives transformed.



EXPLORE **WORKSHOP**

- PROGRAM -

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WEEK #2

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“WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?”

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QUESTION 4

“HOW DO WE FAITHFULLY RESPOND?”



INTRO: WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

GOD'S WRITTEN REVELATION TO HUMANITY.

GOD'S ... The Bible is a _____ book.

WRITTEN ... The Bible was written by _____
following normal rules of _____ .

REVELATION ... The Bible is God's revelation of _____ ,
_____ and _____ .

TO HUMANITY. The Bible was _____ to humanity in
order to be _____ .

WHAT IS BIBLE STUDY?

EXPLORING THE FACTS TO UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE.

EXPLORING THE FACTS ...

Bible study is _____ considering all the _____ and _____ .

TO UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE.

The Bible is not just to be _____ or _____
but to be _____ as _____ .



INTRO: WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

WHY IS BIBLE STUDY IMPORTANT?

BECAUSE OF THE GOALS AND NEEDS

GOAL #1 _____ to the Image of Christ.

Romans 8:29, 1 Peter 2:2, 2 Timothy 3:16

GOAL #2 _____ of the Image of Christ.

Genesis 1:28, Isaiah 49:6, Matthew 5:14-16

NEED #1 The only _____ for the _____.

NEED #2 The greatest _____ in the _____.

WHAT TOOLS WILL YOU NEED?

A HELPFUL BIBLE - Read many _____ but study a good

_____.

THE HOLY SPIRIT - Do not study the Bible simply as an

_____.

A HUMBLE HEART - Prepare to be _____ and

_____.



INTRO: WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

HOW DO WE DO BIBLE STUDY?

BIBLE STUDY IS - SCIENTIFIC

The study of literature has _____ that need to be
_____.

BIBLE STUDY IS - AN ART

The application of those rules is a _____ that needs to be
_____.

BIBLE STUDY IS - SPIRITUAL

The process of _____ and _____ must be
_____ by and _____ to the _____.

BIBLE STUDY IS - COMMUNAL

There is _____ in doing Bible Study in _____
from _____.



GROUP EXERCISE

BRAINSTORM

“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot;
I wish that you were cold or hot.

So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold,
I will spit you out of my mouth.” (NASB)

- 1. What do you think this means?**

- 2. How do you know it means this?**

- 3. How can we know what it means?**



INTRO: **WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?**

THE 4 CRUCIAL QUESTIONS

1. WHAT DOES IT _____ SAY?

2. WHAT DID IT _____ MEAN?

3. WHAT ARE THE _____ TRUTHS?

4. HOW DO WE _____ RESPOND?



QUESTION #1

WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY SAY?

OBSERVATION

OBSERVATION EXERCISE: HOW MANY? _____

OBSERVATION - ANSWERS THE QUESTION

“What do you see?”

SO, WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

All literature is made up of _____.

The way words and sentences connect together make up the _____.

All literature is written according to a certain _____.

All literature seeks to answer questions, these answers make up the _____.



QUESTION #1

WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY SAY?

OBSERVATION

OBSERVE THE CONTENT

Bible Study is really a process of looking for _____.

To get the right answers you must ask the right _____.

SIX CONTENT QUESTIONS

W _____

Who is identified in this passage?

W _____

What are they doing? What is happening?

W _____

When - what time references are in this passage?

W _____

Where do things happen?

W _____

Why are things this way? Why do things happen?

H _____

How do things come about? How does it work?



HOMEWORK WEEK #1

WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY SAY?

Ask the six CONTENT questions of Philippians 4:19

¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Who is identified in this passage?

What are they doing? What is happening?

When - what time references are in the passage?

Where do things happen?

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REVIEW WEEK #1

WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY SAY?

The Bible is **God's Written Revelation to Humanity**

Bible Study is **Exploring the Facts to Understand the Message**

Bible Study is **Scientific, Artistic, Spiritual and Communal**

All Literature is made up of **Words, Structure, Style and Content**

In order to find answers we begin with the **6 Content Questions**
WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, HOW

HOMWORK REVIEW

Ask the six CONTENT questions of Philippians 4:14-19

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What are they doing? What is happening?

When - what time references are in the passage?

Where do things happen?

Why are things this way? Why do things happen?

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QUESTION #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

BARRIERS TO INTERPRETATION

Our AIM - To understand the original author's _____.

What things stop us from immediately understanding this?

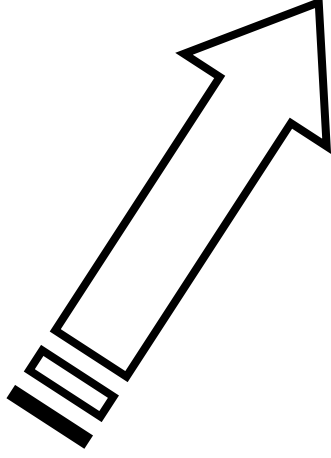
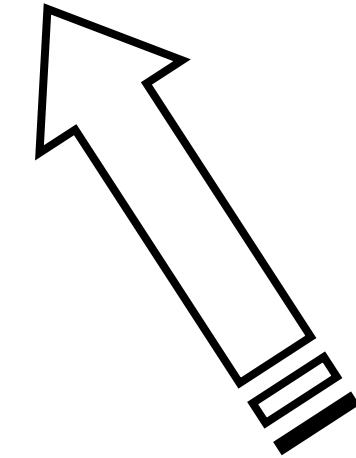
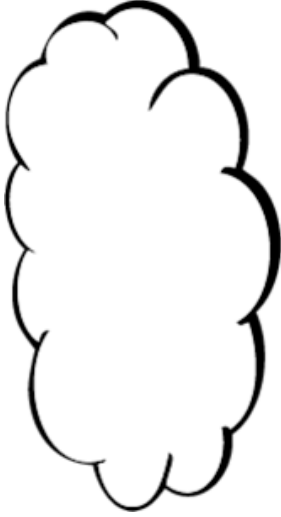
BARRIERS TO INTERPRETATION

The ancient _____ which the original manuscripts of the Bible were written in are no longer used. We don't even have the original manuscripts.

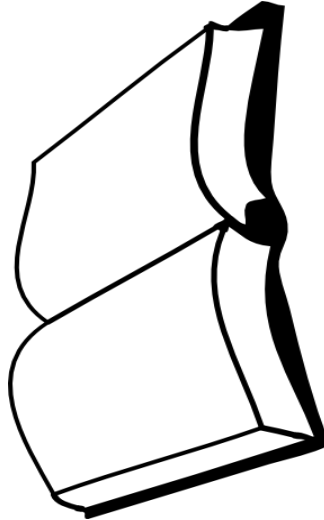
The _____ events of the Bible are 2000 to 6000 years old (at least).

Physical _____ has changed since the biblical accounts were written. Names of places have been changed. Locations of places have been lost.

The Bible deals with people from many different _____ in many places over hundreds of years. Some have been completely lost.



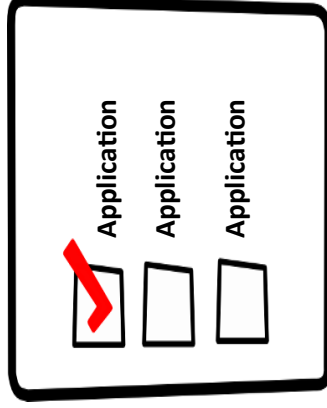
ALWAYS
 Correlation
 Biblical Theology
 Theological Principles



THEN
 Observation & Interpretation
 Original Audience
 Original Application

HISTORY
GEOGRAPHY
CULTURE
LANGUAGE

CAN'T



NOW
 Application
 Today's Audience
 Today's Application



QUESTION #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

CONTEXT OF REVELATION 3:14-22

¹⁴ “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this: ¹⁵ **‘I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.** ¹⁷ Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, ¹⁸ I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”



QUESTION #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

BARRIERS TO INTERPRETATION

EXAMPLES: LAODICEA (Revelation 3:14-22)

LANGUAGE

Figures of speech - cold, hot, lukewarm, spit you out of My mouth, wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked, repent, door, knock, dine.

HISTORY

The city of Laodicea was built by Romans during the 3rd Century BC. It was damaged by an earthquake in 60 AD but refused Roman aid to rebuild, being self-sufficient. The church in Laodicea existed around this time since it was mentioned in the book of Colossians (4:16). The church is potentially around 30 years old.

GEOGRAPHY

Laodicea was located in the Lycus Valley. Located North of Colossae and 10km South of Hierapolis, famous for its Hot Springs (today called Pamukkale @ 36°C). Unlike Colossae, which gained its water from cold run-off from the Honaz Mountain, Laodicea had no natural water supply. They ingeniously piped their water from Hierapolis through a sophisticated Aqueduct system.

CULTURE

Laodicea was an economic centre of Banking.

They were renowned for a medical school producing a special ointment for the eyes.

They had a strong textile industry famous for its black wool.



QUESTION #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

BARRIERS TO INTERPRETATION

How might an understanding of the language, history, geography and culture of Laodicea affect our interpretation of the passage in Revelation 3:14-22?

How do these things affect our understanding of the author's original message to the church at Laodicea?



QUESTION #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

INTERPRETATION

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

Poor _____ leads to poor _____ .

The most important concept in terms of _____ is _____ .

GROUP EXERCISE:

Does it seem valid to use the following verses like this?

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

To teach that a Christian can do anything they want if they just trust God.

“Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones. Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.” Proverbs 3:7-10

To teach that believers are promised good health and prosperity for obedience.

The No.1 issue in poor interpretation is ignoring the _____ .

Every verse is part of a _____ context which can't be _____ .



QUESTION #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

INTERPRETATION

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

In order to discover the context we ask the _____ context _____ .

1. _____ Who wrote it? What do we know about them?
2. _____ Who was it written to?
3. _____ When was this written? During which time period?
4. _____ Where was the author/audience? What was it like?
5. _____ What was happening at that place at that time?
6. _____ Why did the author write to these people? What response did the author want from the audience?

Our AIM - To understand the original author's _____ .



QUESTION #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

RESEARCH RESOURCES

BOOKS:

Bible Commentary

Bible Atlas

Bible Dictionary

Bible Introduction

Bible Survey

ONLINE RESOURCES:

www.bible.org

www.soniclight.com



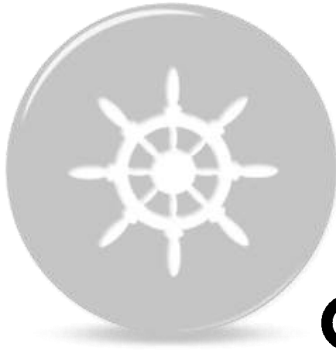
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WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

GROUP EXERCISE

ASK THE 6 CONTEXT QUESTIONS OF REVELATION 3:14-22

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QUESTION #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

As we study a Bible passage we are trying to find 2 main things.

What is the **ONE THING** that the author is talking about? The _____

What is the author saying **ABOUT** that ONE THING? The _____

“This morning Henry had 2 fried eggs for breakfast.”

Subject _____

Complement _____

This helps us identify the _____ that the author is _____.

What question is being answered in the above example? (Phrase the Subject as a Question)

What is the answer to that question? (Content of the sentence/passage—summarise)



QUESTION #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

GROUP EXERCISE

TRY TO IDENTIFY THE SUBJECT & COMPLEMENT OF REVELATION 3:14-22

What is the ONE THING that the author is talking about? (Subject)

What is the author saying ABOUT that ONE THING? (Complement)

Rephrase the Subject as a QUESTION.

Summarise the passage as an ANSWER to the Subject Question.



HOMework WEEK #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

Ask the 6 CONTEXT Questions of Philippians 4:14-19

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HOMEWORK WEEK #2

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Try to find the SUBJECT & COMPLEMENT of Philippians 4:14-19

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Rephrase the Subject as a QUESTION.

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REVIEW WEEK #2

WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN?

Our Aim is to understand the **original author's intended meaning**.

Every verse is part of a **larger context** which cannot be ignored.

To discover the context we ask the **6 Context Questions**.

Author, Audience, Time, Place, Situation, Purpose

We are looking for the one thing the author is talking about - **Subject**

And for what the author is saying about that one thing - **Complement**

HOMWORK REVIEW

Ask the six CONTEXT questions of Philippians 4:14-19

Who is Author?

Who is the Audience?

When was it written?

Where was it written from and to?

What else was happening around this time?

Why did the author write? What response was he after?

What is the Subject & Complement?



QUESTION #3

WHAT ARE THE TIMELESS TRUTHS?

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Does ALL scripture have an application?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man (person) of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

Everything in the Bible is _____. The aim is to find out _____.

But we don't apply everything we see, do we?

Leviticus 19:28

You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the Lord.

Deuteronomy 22:12

You shall make for yourself tassels on the four corners of your garment with which you cover yourself. (Num. 15:38)

1 Peter 5:14

Greet one another with a kiss of love.

(Rom.16:16, 1 Cor.16:20, 2 Cor.13:12, 1 Thess.5:26)

How literally do we apply the Bible? How consistent are we?



QUESTION #3

WHAT ARE THE TIMELESS TRUTHS?

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

What about when God changes his mind?

Judges 13:4-5 Now therefore, be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing. For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and **no razor shall come upon his head**, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb...

1 Cor. 11:14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has **long hair**, it is a **dishonour** to him?

Is a man with long hair dishonouring God or obeying God?

Can BOTH be true?

So when it comes to application - how do we know what to apply and when?

We are looking for the _____ that applies to _____ people.

We are looking to understand and apply _____
not simply copy _____.



QUESTION #3

WHAT ARE THE TIMELESS TRUTHS?

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

THEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES

A principle is a concise statement of a _____ truth.

Principles agree with the _____ of scripture.

Principles are _____ in their focus.

To help us identify basic theological principles we can start by asking 3 questions of each passage we look at.

3 THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

1. What do we learn about _____?
2. What do we learn about _____?
3. What do we learn about _____ between God and humanity?



QUESTION #3

WHAT ARE THE TIMELESS TRUTHS?

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Principles Vs Applications

	Principle	OR	Application
1. What do we learn about God?			
God is love	_____		_____
God desires people to know Him	_____		_____
God wants me to visit my neighbour	_____		_____
God reveals Himself to people	_____		_____
I should pray to God more	_____		_____
2. What do we learn about humanity?			
Mankind should repent of sin	_____		_____
People need God	_____		_____
People do things to hurt each other	_____		_____
I have to try harder to love others	_____		_____
3. What do we learn about the relationship between God and humanity?			
I need to read my Bible more	_____		_____
Sin affects my relationship with God	_____		_____
God has provided forgiveness for me	_____		_____
Mankind must respond to God's love	_____		_____



QUESTION #3

WHAT ARE THE TIMELESS TRUTHS?

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

GROUP EXERCISE - REVELATION 3:14-22

1. What do we learn about GOD?
2. What do we learn about HUMANITY?
3. What do we learn about THE RELATIONSHIP between God and humanity?

* Try and identify the single most important **principle** from your passage.



HOMWORK WEEK #3

WHAT IS THE TIMELESS TRUTH?

Philippians 4:14-19

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REVIEW WEEK #3

WHAT IS THE TIMELESS TRUTH?

Everything in the Bible is relevant. The aim is to find out how.

We are looking for the **Timeless Truth** that applies to all people.

We are looking to apply **Godly Principles** not copy religious practices.

We are looking to answer the **3 Theological Questions**

What do we learn about God?

What do we learn about Humanity?

What do we learn about the relationship between God and Humanity?

HOMework REVIEW

Ask the 3 Theological Questions of Philippians 4:14-19

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QUESTION #4

HOW DO WE FAITHFULLY RESPOND?

SO WHAT?

HOW DO WE FAITHFULLY RESPOND?

This question addresses the important issue of _____.

Why do we need to get to application?

Applications are drawn from your theological _____.

Why not just apply your observations?

Principles are general whereas applications are more _____.

Example:

Principle: God desires that people love one another.

Application: I will love my next door neighbour by taking her flowers tomorrow.

Applications can be _____ and/or _____.

Why/when would you consider a corporate application?

Three ways to make an application are with your _____, your _____ and your _____.



QUESTION #4

HOW DO WE FAITHFULLY RESPOND?

APPLICATION

HEAD, HEART & HANDS

HEAD: Something to _____ or _____.

God desires us to grow in knowledge and wisdom that practically impacts how we love others (Philippians 1:9).

Revelation 3:14-22

What do you need to know or understand from this passage?
(based on your theological principles)

I need to know/understand ...

How will knowing/understanding this make a difference in life?



QUESTION #4

HOW DO WE FAITHFULLY RESPOND?

APPLICATION

HEAD, HEART & HANDS

HEART: Something to _____ or _____.

God's Word deals not only in our actions and knowledge but also our affections, or feelings (Philippians 1:8).

Revelation 3:14-22

What should you feel/believe from this passage?
(based on your theological principles)

This passage should make me feel/believe ...

How will this feeling/belief make a difference in life?



QUESTION #4

HOW DO WE FAITHFULLY RESPOND?

APPLICATION

HEAD, HEART & HANDS

HANDS: Something to _____.

Revelation 3:14-22

What do you need to do from this passage?
(based on your theological principles)

I need to ...

How will doing this make a difference in life?



QUESTION #4

HOW DO WE FAITHFULLY RESPOND?

APPLICATION

SMART APPLICATIONS

S _____ State exactly what you will do

M _____ So you know if you have actually done it

A _____ Make your applications realistic

R _____ Applications should have a point

T _____ Set a time frame as to when you will do it

Eg. I will cook a meal for Jane's sick family on Tuesday night to show her that she is an important part of our church family.



HOMEWORK WEEK #4

HOW DO WE FAITHFULLY RESPOND?

Consider the 3 types of application from Philippians 4:14-19

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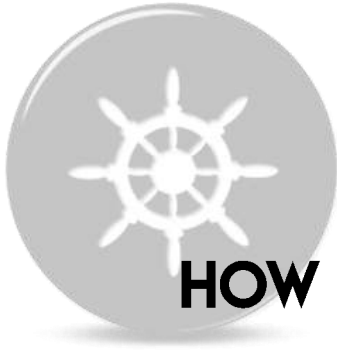
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REVIEW

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

HOW DOES IT WORK? THE 4 QUESTIONS

Understanding and applying God's Word in our lives is not a random, mystical or subjective exercise. By following an intelligent, Spirit-led process we can have a humble confidence that we are "accurately handling the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

1. **OBSERVATION: What does it actually say?**

Words — Key Words, Hard Words, Repeated Words, Dramatic Words.

Structure — How words, phrases, sentences relate to one another?

Style — The Genre and Atmosphere of the writing.

Content — Ask Who, What, Where, When, Why and How.

2. **INTERPRETATION: What did it originally mean?**

Barriers — Language, History, Geography, Culture

Context — Author, Audience, Time, Place, Situation, Purpose

Subject/Complement — What is the one thing? What does it say about that one thing?

3. **CORRELATION: What are the timeless truths?**

Biblical Theology — What do we learn about God, people and their relationships?

Theological Principle — Look for Godly Principles not just Religious Practices.

4. **APPLICATION: How do we faithfully respond?**

Head — What do I need to know or understand?

Heart — What do I need to feel or believe?

Hands — What do I need to do?

SMART — Applications are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timely.



EXPLORE THE BIBLE:

- FEEDBACK -

Which parts of this presentation were most useful and why?

Which parts of this presentation were least useful and why?

Any suggestions for the future?