



In the Word

How to Study the Bible
LIFE Winter Retreat 2015

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Expectations

Philippians 2:3-4

Boundaries [Romans 13:1-4]

1. NO guys and girls alone EVER!
2. Do NOT wander off without receiving permission from a leader.
3. Property Boundaries

Behavior [Romans 12:9-19]

1. Respect and honor adult leaders and each other.
2. Keep your actions and words edifying.
3. Remember, if you become a problem we will call your parents to come get you!

Schedule

February 13-15	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:30-9:30 am		Breakfast	Sleep In
10:00-10:45 am		2nd Session	Brunch
10:45-11:15 am		Reflection	4th Session
12:00-12:30 pm		Lunch	Lunch
1:00-2:00 pm		Small Group Challenge	Clean Up/Last Minute Fun
2:00-4:00 pm	Meet @ 4pm/Depart @4:30pm	Afternoon Free Time	Travel to Scope Arena
4:30-5:00 pm	Travel	Prep for Dinner	Wait for Concert Entrance
5:15-6:00 pm	Travel	Dinner	Head in to Concert
6:15-7:30 pm	Dinner/Expectations/Settle In	Clean Up Dinner/Relax	Winter Jam Concert
7:45-8:30 pm	1st Session	3rd Session	Winter Jam Concert
8:30-10:30 pm	Reflection/Activities	Reflection/Activities	Winter Jam Concert
11:00-11:30 pm	Prep for Bed/Free Time	Prep for Bed/Free Time	Return home
12:00 am	Lights Out	Lights Out	

Why Should We Value Bible Study?

Psalm 1:1-3

1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
3 He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.



Observation

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Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.

Big Idea

Observations



Asking Questions

Who?
What?
Where?
When?
Why?
How?

Practice

Make observations about the picture above using the interrogative questions from the "Asking Questions" section.

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Read Matthew 16:24-27. Make 5 observations for each verse.

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

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25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

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27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

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Write down questions you have after making observations of the text.

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Interpretation

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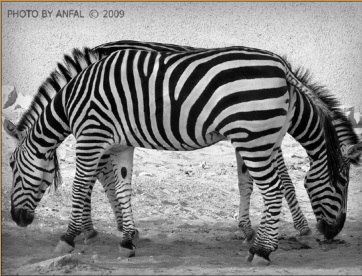
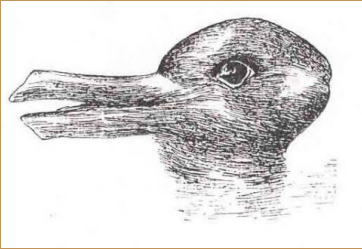
2 Peter 1:19-21

19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

20 knowing this first of all, that no

prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Optical Illusions



Three Teachers of Interpretation

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- 2.
- 3.

Tools of Interpretation

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- 3.
- 4.
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- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Internet Interpretation Tools

www.preceptaustin.org

www.gty.org

www.desiringgod.org

www.mongergism.com/scripture

www.blueletterbible.org/study

www.studylight.org

www.esvbible.org

www.net.bible.org

www.biblestudytools.com/library

Practice

Use the tools we have discussed to answer the questions you listed in the Observation section.

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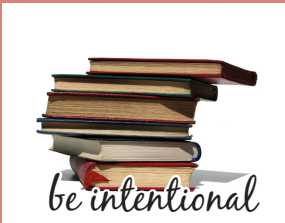


Correlation

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Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.



Summarize the Truths

1. Immediate Principles

2. Cross Check

Tools for Correlation

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Practice

List all the principles you found in the passage.

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Rearrange the above truths so that related ideas are grouped together.

List 3-5 timeless truths from this passage.

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Application

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James 1:22-25

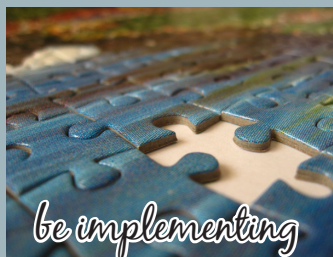
But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Transfer of Truth

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

SMART Applications

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"The Bible was not given for our information, but our transformation!"

D.L. Moody

"Observation and interpretation without application is abortion on the purpose of Scripture!"

Howard Hendricks

Rewrite the 3-5 principles you discovered in the Correlation section. Determine what type of transfer applies to each principle.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Now write an application for each of the above principles. Proof the applications to make sure they meet the SMART application criteria. If any of your applications do not meet the SMART criteria, rewrite them so that they do.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Personal Commitment & Accountability Plan

Commitment

What time of day does your mind engage most effectively--morning or evening?

How often each week will you commit to doing personal Bible study? What days and times?

Accountability

List at least one mentor and friend to whom you would be willing to be accountable (encouraged by) for your personal Bible study?

How often will you meet with the person (people) listed above to check in on both the regularity and quality of your personal Bible study time?

Who could you disciple to help them grow in their Bible study?

Signed

Date