

The Book Study

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”
Ps. 119:18

“Amid the wonderful diversity of the Scriptures there is an even more wonderful unity. The sixty-six books of the Bible are more than a collection of writings they are one book. ...one in the spiritual unity of the message which they collectively declare.” J. S. Baxter

“_____ is King”. A diligent book study will greatly broaden the contextual foundation of a passage. The authority of the Scriptures comes from God. Therefore, we study the Scriptures to understand what He has said; so we can conduct our lives in accordance to His _____. When seeking to better understand the sense of any text it is imperative that we look to it's _____.

Isolating passages of Scripture from their context is dangerous, often leading to misinterpretation, confusion, and false doctrine.

Importance of a book study.

- 1) It provides _____.
- 2) It pushes us to _____ and consider all the text; beyond what “connects” with us.
- 3) It helps us see the role the book plays in the Canon of Scriptures.

Resources:

- * A Study Bible
- * A good Bible commentary
- * A notebook
- * Word Study Tools (Lesson 3)

Process:

- 1) Select a _____. Consider starting small, think short, easy, and rich.
Suggestions: _____, _____
- 2) _____ the general content. Strive to read the book through multiple times in one sitting. Becoming acquainted with the book causes the book to open up. _____ begin standing out, common thoughts begin lining up, and textual _____ naturally begins to show.
- 3) Prepare an introduction to the book by answering these questions.
 - Who _____ the book?
 - To whom did he write?
 - Where did he write it?
 - When did he write it?
 - What was the _____ of his writing?

- What was the _____ for which he wrote?
- What were the circumstances of the author when he wrote?
- Who are other _____ writers of the author?
- What were the circumstances of those he wrote?
- What insight is gained of the author's _____ and _____?
- What are the leading ideas of the book?
- What is the _____ truth of the book?
- What are the characteristics of the book?
- Where is _____ in the book?

Remember to follow the “Scarlet Thread”. Christ is pre-eminent; by God's help, the ultimate goal of Bible study is to see _____ the written word, to Him who is the _____ Word.

Remember the best commentary on the _____ is the _____. Oftentimes, answers to these questions are best found from other books of the Bible. For example, when studying Philippians you will find Acts 16 very helpful.

- 4) _____ the book. Divide the book into sections, by noting the principle _____ of _____. Sometimes these sections cross over chapter divisions. Once these divisions are made provide each with an accurate concise caption. (A study bible is a great tool as many include outlines of each book.)
- 5) Study each verse in _____. Define key words, find the meaning in view of the context, and finally look to parallel passages.
- 6) _____ the 3 rules of analysis:
 - I. Don't _____ anything that is not clearly in the verse.
 - II. Find _____ that is in the verse.
 - III. State accurately what has been found.
- 7) Classify the _____ of your study. (e.g. Compile all the areas you found a Christian should grow in.)
- 8) _____ upon and digest the Word of God.

When studying the scriptures it is essential we understand what God is _____. Understanding context, through a book study, builds the foundation for a solid understanding of what God desires to show us through His word.

It has been said, that the Bible is read often but rarely studied. May we as God's children be diligent in the study of His word.