

**"get growing" BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET**

*Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?" – Mark 12:24*

Passage: \_\_\_\_\_ Memory Verse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*My Prayer: Psalm 119:10-18 & Joshua 1:8*

Romans 15:4



**Scoping the Terrain: OBSERVATION - What does the text SAY? = Content**

♦ **LOOK** – let the clear literal meaning come out of the text by observing what it says, as it is written, in its literary context: *genre, style, figures of speech, language, grammar, terms, culture, history, geography, etc...* as I depend on the Author of Scripture to illuminate and interpret His inspired Words so that I can know & grow in His truth...

1. **Content:** what it says - who, what, when, where, why, how?  
*...what are the key words & concepts...? figures of speech and other literary devices...?*
  
2. Other important elements of the literal=literary **context**:  
*...compare with other translations and tools... doing "exegesis" to draw out the meaning in the passage...  
 Is this text narrative, poetry, prophecy, didactic teaching, proverb, parable, etc and where does it fit in redemptive history*
  
3. What's the "**big idea**" of this passage? *...in my own words (avoiding "eisegesis" or reading my ideas into the text)  
 ...what it actually says (but not necessarily what I may previously have thought)...*

2 Tim 2:15



*What does it say... what does it mean..? How does it matter..? So what does it make me do..?*

**Reading the Trailmarkers: INTERPRETATION - What does it MEAN? = Context**

♦ **LEARN** – the original message – *what the author meant* for his original audience... and understanding how the passage fits with the context of the whole Bible (*relying on the Holy Spirit, comparing Scripture with Scripture*)... obeying the Bible as the inerrant, infallible, ultimate authority over every realm of human knowledge & endeavor...

4. How does it **compare** in context with the rest of the Bible?  
*Paragraph, chapter, book, etc...*

**Difficulties to keep studying:**

*...check cross-references... concordance... Bible dictionary... Greek or Hebrew tools... etc study resources*

5. How am I avoiding **mis-steps**?  
*...avoiding eisegesis, mysticism, subjectivism, relativism, etc  
 discerning between possible, probable, & necessary meaning*
  
6. What's the meaning - the one clear **message** of the author to his original audience?  
*...exegetical of his meaning as best I understand it...*

*My Prayer: 1 Cor 2:12-14 & 2 Cor 3:18 & 2 Cor 10:3-5 & Col 1:9-19 & Col 2:2-10 & Eph 1:15-23 & Eph 3:14-21 & Luke 24:25-27*

Understanding God's Word **changes my life** as I learn what He says, what He means, how it matters, and how to live it out—by Christ's power!



*It's not how much you know - but how much you grow...!*

### **Going on the Trek: APPLICATION - How will it WORK in my life? = Conform**

- ♦ **LIVE** - out the truths and principles of Scripture in my own life, by understanding the meaning of the text, relating its significance for today's life situations — *knowing & experiencing* how the eternal message *matters* to me today, repenting from and renouncing lies I formerly believed, replacing them through the *renewing of my mind*, by being conformed to Christ as revealed by the Holy Spirit in His Written Word (*Propositions*) & Living Word (*Person*) of Truth

7. What are the timeless truths in this passage ?

...general principles for all peoples in all times and all places...

8. *The Divine Author's one meaning has many applications...*

So just how does this passage matter to me? What difference will it make for me? How will it work in my life?

...specifics for my life...by the power of the Holy Spirit...

Teaching – *what has God said?*

Reproof – *how do I deviate from it?*

Correction – *what does God want me to do about it?*

Training – *what specific steps should I take?*

Righteousness – *how will this make me more like my Lord?*

...Is there a **Sin** to confess... **Promise** to claim... **Example** to follow... **Command** to obey... **Something else**...?

e.g. Scripture to memorize / meditate... prayer to repeat... error to avoid... condition to meet... challenge to face...etc

Write it down:



*We study the Bible not just to be informed but **transformed** - in union with Christ...*

### **Reaching the Top: TRANSFORMATION - How Christ CHANGES me! = Continue**

- ♦ **LOVE** – *My life changes as I choose to believe, receive, & obey God's Word...* Loving God the Father, Son, Spirit as Lord of my Life and the people around me by His grace ever more as I understand His Word of Truth, *transformed in knowledge & experience of Him* in relationship, obedience & union with Him, *becoming more like Him as I live out what I learn of Him daily by His power in me...* with all my mind, heart, will... *knowing & growing as I'm going!*

9. How have I talked with God about my response...to experience His indwelling & outworking power & transforming grace?

...& talked with others... to avoid mis-steps ( moralism, license, legalism, etc) ...beliefs-to-behavior

what am I to be "in Christ" so that I can live "for Christ" and become more "like Christ" - by His power?

10. 'Indicatives' (*truths*) always drive 'Imperatives' (*commands*) in the text — We 'be' in Him in order to 'do' for Him... so 'In Christ' and relying on the Holy Spirit's power in me, how will I choose to be **changed** by living out God's Word?

who?

what?

when?

where?

how?

why?

As we read the Word of God it renews our minds and reveals what Jesus Christ is like and how to live & love in relationship with the Lord!

*My Prayer: John 8:31-32 & 18:36-39 & Rom 8:28-30 & 12:1-2 & Eph 4:22-24 & John 15:1-5 & Mark 12:30-31 & 1 Cor 10: 11-13*