

"get growing" BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET

2018.3

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..101-105...Joshua 1:8...*

Romans 15:4-6



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 actually says - who, what, when, where, why, how? ... written not "to" me but "for" me & the church...
...what are the key words & concepts...? figures of speech and other literary devices...? ...the clear enlightens the obscure...
 2. Other important elements of the literal (grammatical, historical) = literary **context**:
...compare with other translations and tools... doing "exegesis" to draw out the author's meaning in the passage...
Is this text narrative, poetry, prophecy, didactic teaching, proverb, parable, etc & where does it fit in redemptive history...?
 3. What's the "big idea" of this passage? ...author's words & my words (avoiding "eisegesis" 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 in response..?

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. Correlation - How does it compare in context with the rest of the Bible?
Paragraph, chapter, book, etc..."a text without a context is a pretext for a proof text"..."Scripture interprets Scripture"...
- Difficulties to keep studying: as I practice principles of good hermeneutics...
...check translations..cross-references..concordance..Bible dictionary..Study Bible..Greek, Hebrew tools..etc resources*
5. How am I avoiding mis-steps? - not presuming upon the Holy Spirit, who illuminates God's truth...
...avoiding eisegesis, mysticism, subjectivism, relativism, contradiction, etc... the clear enlightens the obscure...
discerning between possible, probable, & necessary meaning, as God's Word breathed out of His divine character
 6. What's the author's intent - the meaning, the one clear message of the author to the original audience?
...inductive exegesis of His meaning as best I can understand it now...

Pray: *1Co2:12-14..4:6..Isa28:10..2Co3:14-18..10:3-5...Col1:9-19..2:2-10...Eph1:15-23..3:14-21...Lk24:25-27...Mt7:24-29...1Pe1:10-12,22-23...Phil4:13*

Understanding the Bible changes our lives as we learn what He says, what He means, how it matters, & 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 (of the world, the flesh and the devil) which 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*) and His living Word (*Person*) of absolute and eternal Truth, the measure to which all things compare

7. What are the timeless truths in this passage?

...God's revealed principles = true for all peoples in all times in all places...written not "to" me but "for" me & the church...

8. The Divine Author's **one** intended meaning has many **applications** = "relevance"...

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...to equip me to change...by the power of the Holy Spirit...

Teaching – what has God said...about Himself, me, others?

Reproof – how do I deviate from truth...what I need to stop believing or doing?

Correction – what to do about it...change thoughts, attitudes, actions, words?

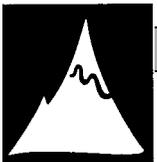
Training – what specific steps do I need to take to get on God's track?

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

...SPECS = 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... Choose to believe it & to live it...by the Spirit's power*

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 drive behavior...in community...

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

'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?

why?

how?

As we read the Bible, the Word of God, it renews our minds & reveals Jesus Christ in us - so we can live & love in relationship with the Lord & His people!

My Prayer: **Ps19:7-14..Jn6:63..8:31-32..15:1-5..18:36-39..Ro8:28-30..12:1-2..Ep4:22-24..Mk12:30-31..1Co10:11-13..2Pe1:16-21..3:14-18..Heb10:24-25..1Tm1:5**