

Studying Our Bibles

The three step process of OBSERVATION, INTERPRATATION, AND APPLICATION will help you learn to read and study your Bible on your own. Take each of the areas and use the question or add your own to gain insight from the Scripture you are reading.

Observation – What is being said

- Read the passage or passages completely through, several times may help.
- Reference the passages before and after to help you get context.
- What are the general themes you see?
- What words appear that you need to understand? What words or phrases appear more than once?
- What is clear and what is unclear in the passage?
- Who is talking, who is being addressed?
- What is the setting? Time period?
- What does the passage/passages teach about God?

Interpretation – Why it is being said

- What is the main theme of the passage? What is the big idea?
- What warnings, advice, cautions, or errors are being addressed?
- How do these verses connect to the gospel?
- What is being commanded to do or not to do?
- What is the meanings of the words from the observations section above?
- Are there other places in Scripture this passage occurs? How is it related to this passage?
- In general, what is being said, to what people, at what time, in what place, and about what?
- What promises or warnings are given and why?

Application – What it says to me today

- In what ways does this passage connect to us/me today?
- What things or areas does this address in my life?
- How do the cautions, warnings, or instructions culturally connect today?
- What things must I guard, change, or incorporate in my life as a result of this passage?
- Where did God speak to your heart in this passage? How are you encouraged?
- What will you do as a result of studying this passage?
- How can you pray using this passage?