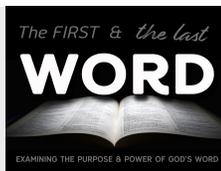


The Interpretive Journey

The Word - Part 6 John 15:1-4
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1. Observation - Gathering Facts

- Who is writing?
- Who is the audience(s)?
- When does this take place?
- How does this passage fit in with the context? (What goes before and after?)
- Is it poetic, literal or illustrative?
- Is there a correlating passage?
- What are the repeated words and ideas?
- What do I learn about God the Father, Jesus, The Holy Spirit?

2. Interpretation - What's it all mean?

- Is there one over-arching teaching?
- What is the original cultural meaning? (*That is, what did it mean to those to whom it was originally addressed?*)
- What are the meanings of the words?
- What does the immediate / broader context suggest?
- What do cross-references suggest?
- What do commentaries suggest?

3. Application - How do I respond?

- How does this change the way I live? Think / Talk / Act?
- Make it stick: 1. Write it down 2. Tell someone

“To open the Word of God is to step into a strange world where things are very unlike ours. Most of us don’t speak the languages. We don’t know the geography or the customs or what behavior are considered rude or polite.” -Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes page 11

1. You Want a Firm Foundation!

Matthew 7:24-25 “everyone who **hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.** ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

2. More tools to use than ever before!

Bible Project Videos (and podcast)
Commentaries, read with others!
Come to church and continue the discussion.

3. Words of Life!

John 6:68-69 “you have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Bible tells us **all that we need to know** about WHO God is, WHAT He has done for us and WHAT it looks like to follow him!



Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. What’s the optimal time for you to study? What adjustments can you make to give yourself a little more time to study?
3. I’ll commit to using: _____ resource to help my study time.

Notes:
