

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,” (2 Timothy 3:16, NIV84)

“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,” (Colossians 1:10, NIV84)

Exegesis = Read Out of the text of the original intent.

Eisegesis = Reads into the text what the reader wants to find.

These are three crucial areas or rules of *exegesis* that we have to know before we can interpret correctly:

1. We must be aware of our nature, as we are filled with self, pre-existing beliefs, and hurry.
2. We must be aware of the nature of Scripture and the Divine Author's intent.
3. The Bible was written by the words of people through their cultures, languages, times, and histories, while at the same time all divinely inspired.

Steps to Analytical or Exegetical Method

1. Select your Passage

- Browse the whole book to get an idea of the book.
- Read the chapter of the passage, carefully and slowly in a good translation.
- Ask “What does the passage say?”
- Listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to you.

2. Explore the general meaning of the passage

- List observations
- Who is the author and recipients?
- What is the purpose of the writing?
- What is the style of Literature

3. Explore the Specific Meaning of the Passage

- Ask Interpretation Questions
 - Why did the writer say this?
 - What is the meaning of _____?
 - What is the significance of _____?
 - Who is _____?

4. Explore the Context

- Chapter before and after subjects?
- Type of Literature.

5. Explore the Contents

- Look up word meanings (Vines). List definitions. Do a word study if necessary.
- Write out the verse in your own words.

6. Put it all together and Apply

- What is the Word saying to be?
- What is the Word saying to do?
- What is the Spirit saying for you, during the present?
- What is the verse teaching to the believers?
- How can this transform us to be more like Christ?

Journal thoughts and application.

Pray

Praise and thankfulness

Repentance and forgiveness

Strength to live it out.

Thanksgiving for revelation and the love of God that teaches and changes us.

Read 1 John 1:1-10 at your table.

- 1 *What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—*
- 2 *and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—*
- 3 *what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.*
- 4 *These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.*
- 5 *This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.*
- 6 *If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;*
- 7 *but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.*
- 8 *If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.*
- 9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- 10 *If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.*

Work Sheet:

1. Select your passage: _____

Book overview, Read the passage slowly, what does it say?

2. Explore the general meaning of the passage

Observations, author, recipient, purpose, literature

3. Explore the specific meaning of the passage

Ask Interpretive Questions

4. Explore the context

Before and after, Literature?

5. Explore the contents

Word study and definitions, and write in a paraphrase

6. Apply

What are the lessons?

What are the commands?

What are my promises?

What is the Spirit saying to be? To do?

What is the verse teaching the church?

Pray