

Practical Bible Study Plan

Lesson Six

- I. Observation
 - a. Read the whole book.
 - b. Read the whole section.
 - c. Read the whole paragraph.
 - d. Read without chapter/verse divisions.
 - e. Read with the intent to understand the flow of the text and its logic.
- II. Interpretation
 - a. Understand the original language.
 - b. Understand the context—literary, historical, and geographical.
 - c. Understand the key players (author, recipient, characters).
 - d. Understand what the passage meant to the original readership
 - e. Understand with the help of aids.
 - Note: only now do you want to use commentaries, other book-form or digital Bible studies, Bible handbooks, sermons, guides, etc. to help understand more.
 - Only use these outside resources once you’ve gotten everything you can get out of the passage *on your own*.
- III. Application
 - a. Determine the *telos* of the passage (the original meaning and application of the Holy Spirit to the original audience).
 - b. Determine which parts of the *telos*, a.k.a. “passage idea,” referred to the original setting and which parts are timeless principles.
 - c. Determine the timeless principles that apply to yourself.
 - d. Let the Holy Spirit show you how to apply those principles.

Let's try ...

Acts 20-21

OBSERVATION:

INTERPETATION:

APPLICATION: