

*Welcome to Women's  
Bible Study!*

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019



*Welcome!*

Theme: *Studying  
to Treasure the  
Word of God*



Goal: To grow in the knowledge of the Lord in order to treasure Him more fully and to reflect Him more accurately as we are conformed to His image.

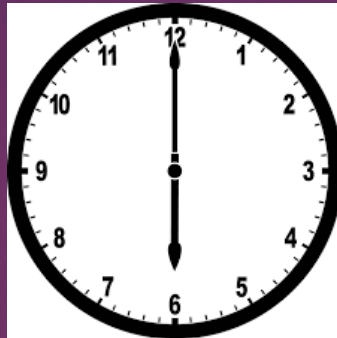




*“Connecting  
the Fence  
Rails”*

Layout for the study: Study a different genre each month.

Start time: 6:00pm!



Lesson time/Lab time/Reflection and Discussion



# Various levels of Bible study

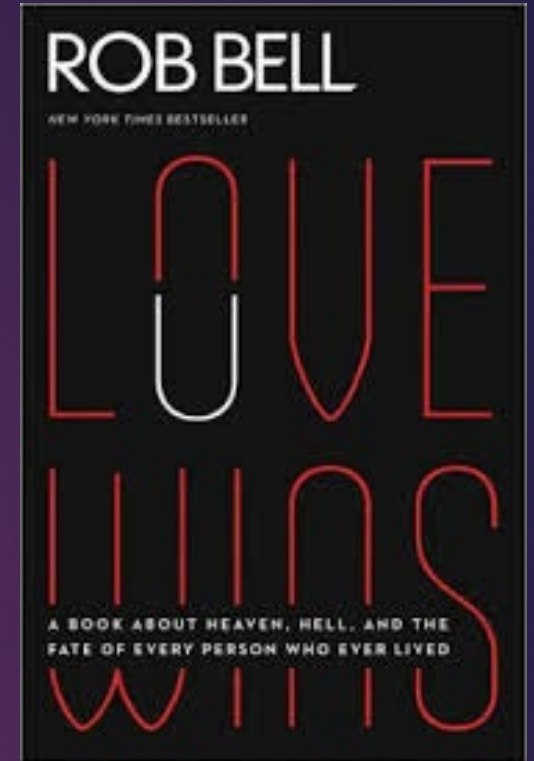
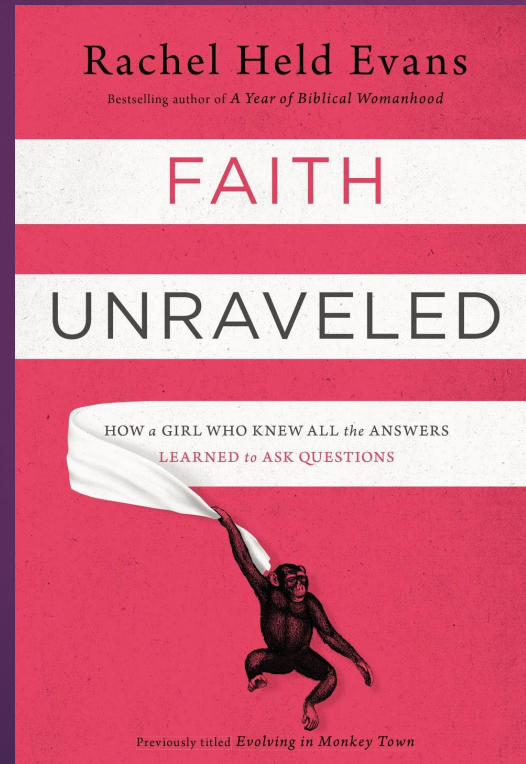
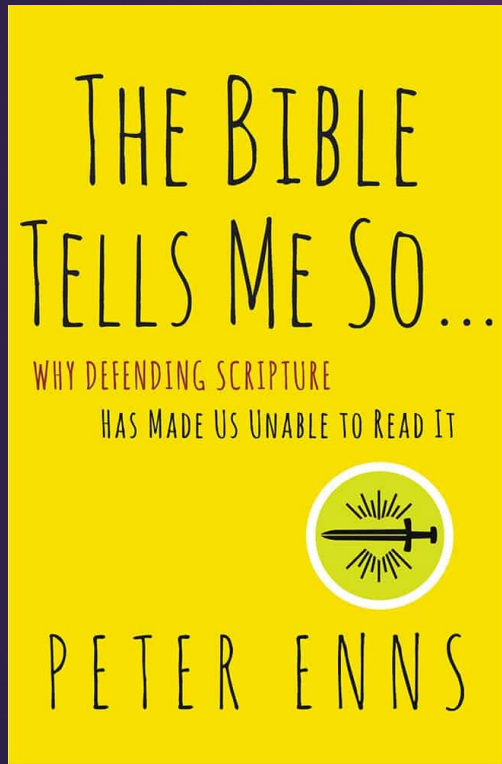
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Him.*





# Why should we study the Bible?

## 1. To recognize error



# Why should we study the Bible?

## 2. To show ourselves approved

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15)*



# What is the Bible?

Collection of 66 “books” written in 3 languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek) by over 40 authors over a time span of around 1500 years.



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lambda	mu	nu	xi	omicron
Ππ	Ρρ	Σσ	Ττ	Υυ
pi	rho	sigma	tau	upsilon



# What is the Bible?

*At the simplest level, it is the history and story of ancient Israel. Yet in it, is the larger story of God's revelation of Himself to mankind.*

*Within the pages of Israel's story, we find our own story.*





*One  
Continuous  
Story*

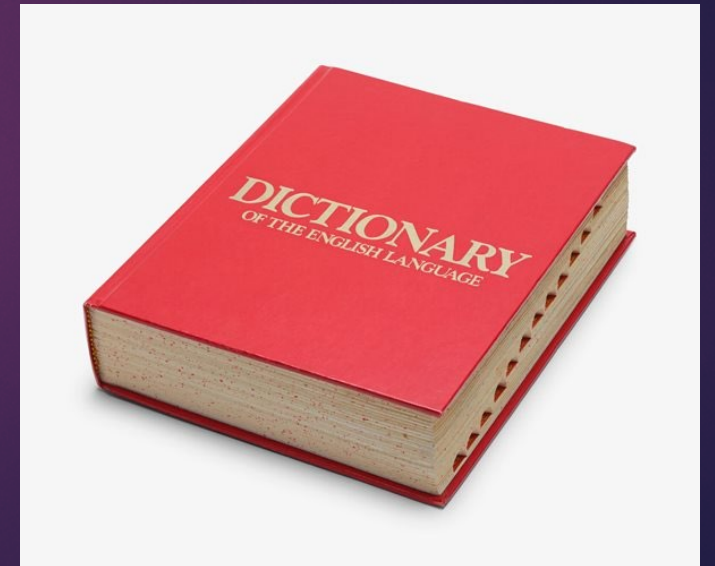


## Let's talk terms

Exegesis: Studying to determine the original meaning of the text

Hermeneutics: The methods used to interpret the text and apply it to today

Genre: Style or Type of Literature



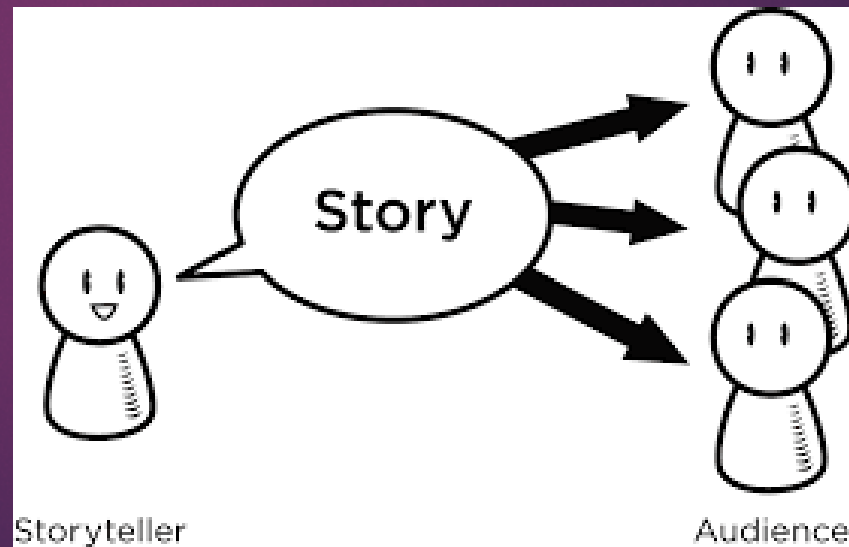
# *Bookstore*



# Genres of Scripture

## 1. Narratives-Over 40% of the Bible

-Narratives tell “what happened” and are meant to give understanding and direction for those reading it after the fact.





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### 2. Poetry-Over 30% of the Bible

-Within poetry, there are the Wisdom books and the Prophetic books

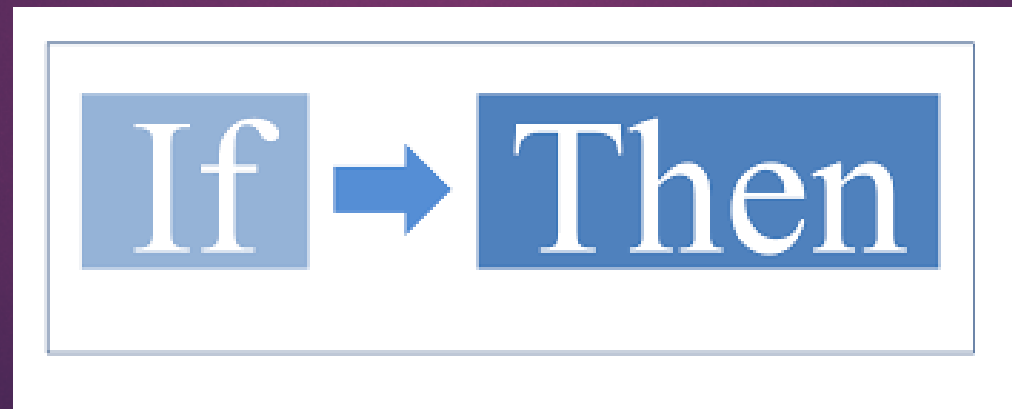
-Poetic books use deep figurative language to capture the emotion and depth within the overall narrative story.



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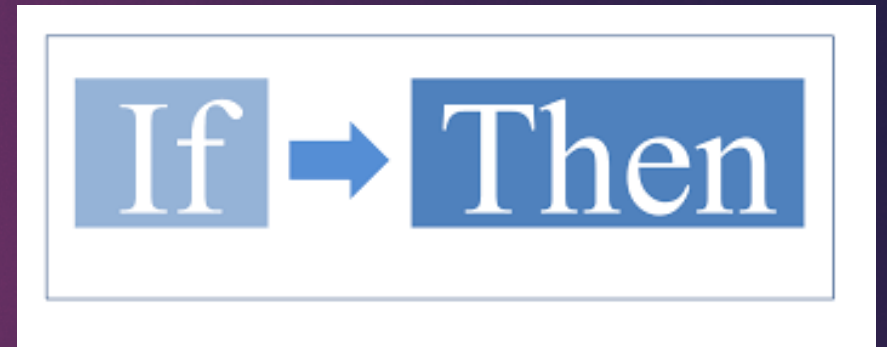
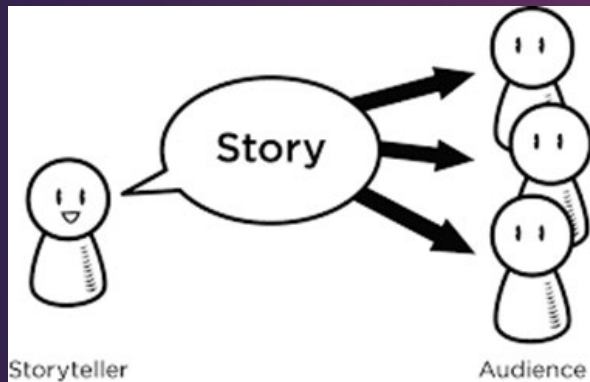
3. Prose/Discourse-About 20% of the Bible

-Speeches, sermons, and letters that use logical flow of thought to persuade the reader to make a choice or act in a certain way. (“If this, then that”)



# Remember:

-All books have a “primary” genre but often have other genres mixed in.



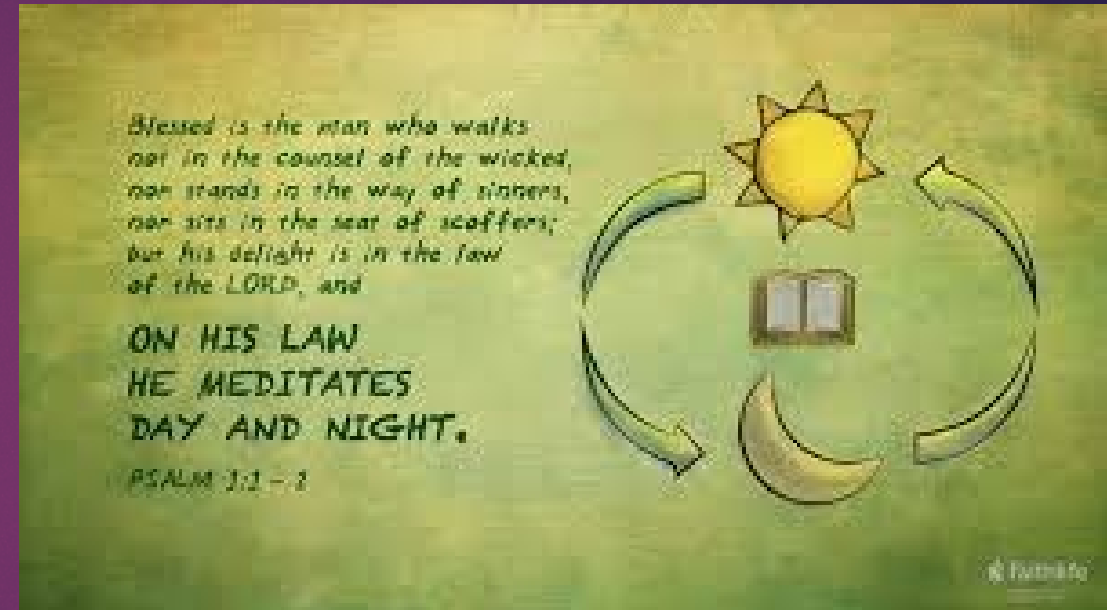
# Reading Cultural Literature

- *When reading the Bible, we are reading cross-culturally!*



# Characteristics of Jewish literature

*It often lacks details and is ambiguous.  
-Often this ambiguity is intentional-it's not just meant to be read but meditated on pondered and read carefully over time.*



# Reading Cultural Literature

*The lack of detail is an invitation to discover clues and meaning in the details that are given.*



*-As we reflect on the story and ask questions as we go, we find that it becomes our story as we see in it answers to our origin, purpose, and eternal destiny.*



*Destiny*

## Get a Toolbox!

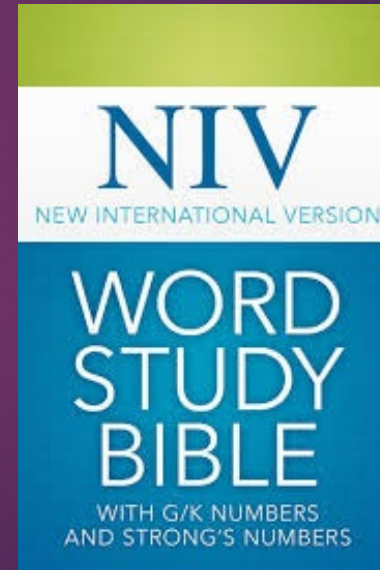
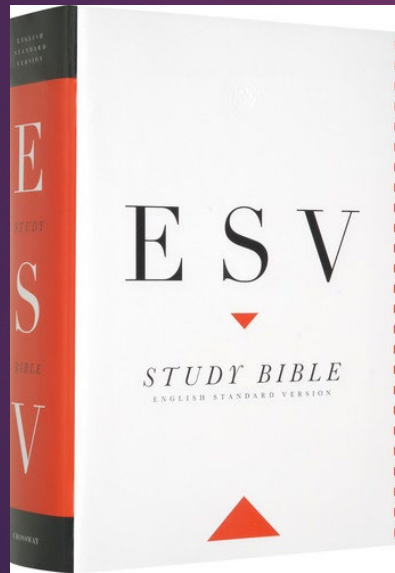
· *All trades have a “toolbox”. There are various levels from apprentice to master craftsman, but all start somewhere! You don't have to own every tool to start!*



## Get a Toolbox!

1. *Good Bible Translation-More than one!*  
*Recommend ESV and NIV. Get a Bible you can write in!*

*-Online: [ESV.org](http://ESV.org), [Biblegateway.com](http://Biblegateway.com), YouVersion*

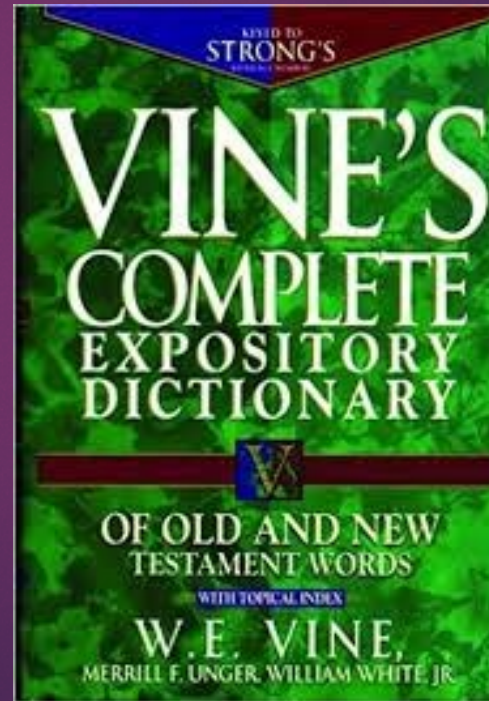




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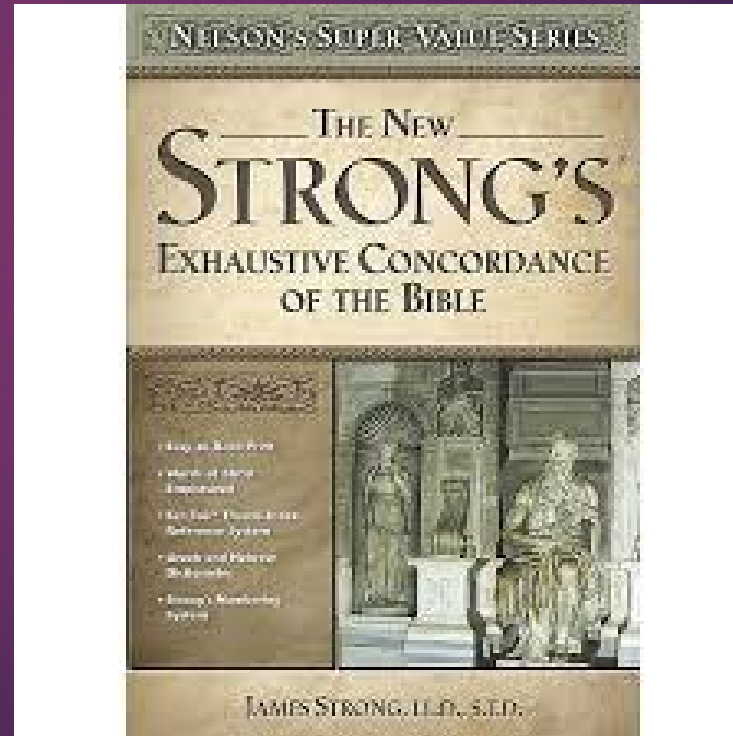
2. *Bible Dictionary-A dictionary of words used in the Bible*

*-Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words*



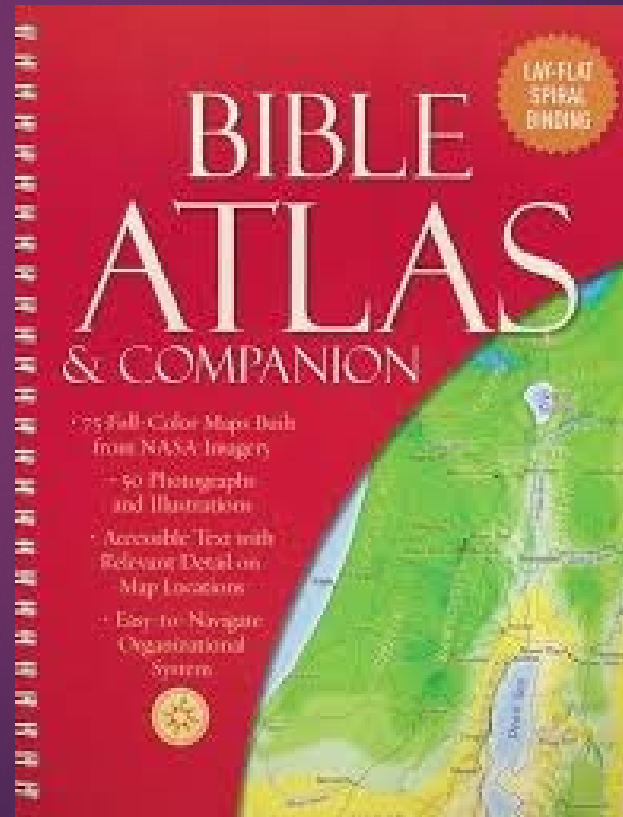
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3. *Concordance*-An alphabetical index of words in the Bible and the primary places it is used in the Bible.



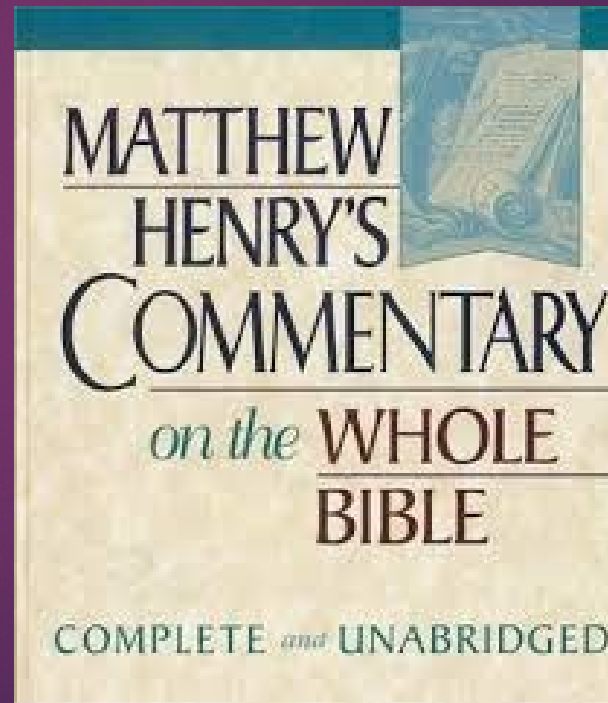
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4. *Bible Atlas: A collection of maps of Biblical lands, geography, archeological finds, photos.*



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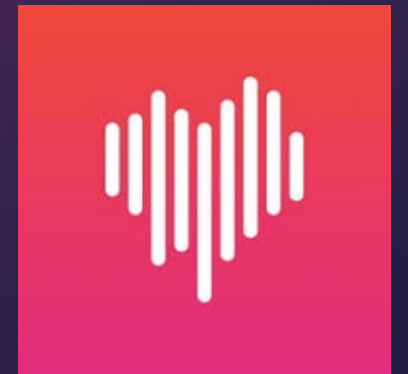
5. Commentaries: Ask for input from pastors/teachers



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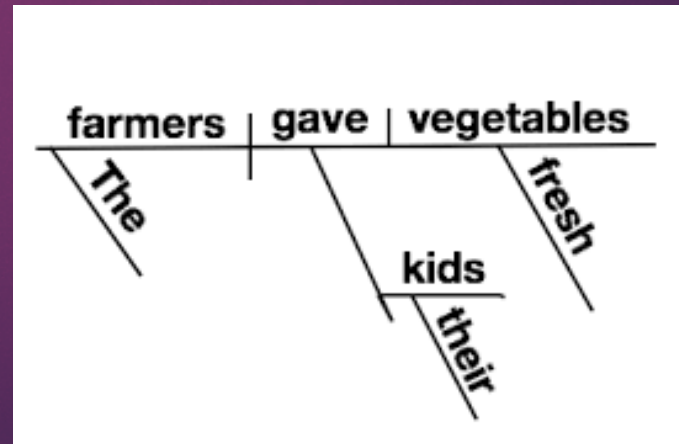
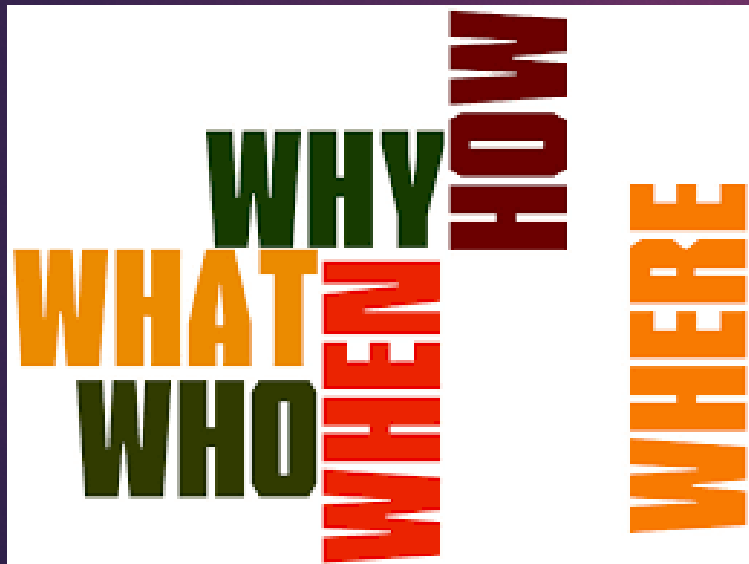
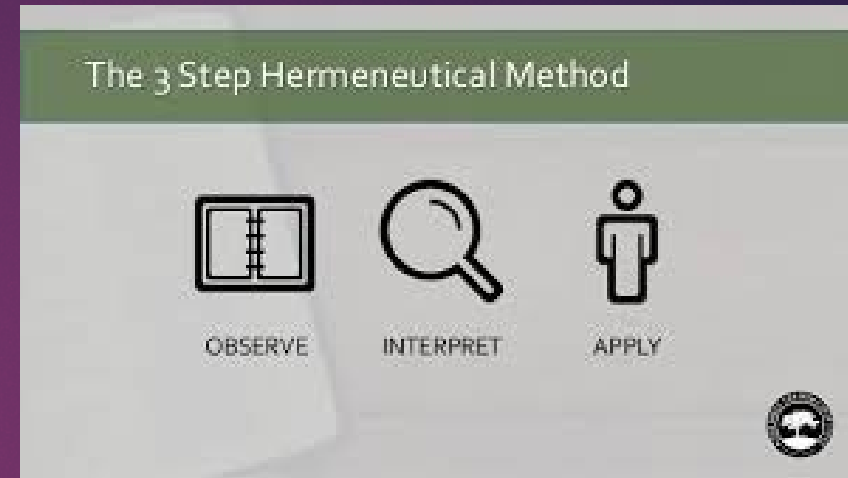
### 6. Other Online resources:

- YouVersion Bible App: Free Bible plans, commentaries, video, etc
- Logos-Great Bible study software (Free version and free app)
- The Bible Project
- Bible Arc-Diagramming Scripture
- Dwell Bible App-Scripture reading, meditating



# Basic methods and Rules of Interpretation

1. *Methods: Looking for repeated words and themes, Asking questions and wrestling with the text*



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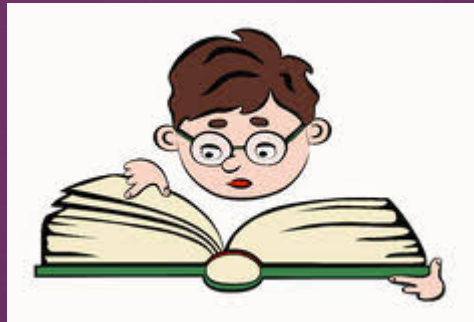
2. The goal of good interpretation is NOT to find something new or never seen before. The goal is to get the plain meaning of the text. Chances are if you see something unique or that you've never heard before, it's likely wrong!



*Example: Ephesians 2:1-8*



*SLOW DOWN and ASK QUESTIONS of the text!  
It is a treasure to be discovered!*



## Goals of this year:

*That we would fall more in love with Jesus as we see Him revealed in His Word.*

*That we would learn some tools, and methods on how to study so we can rightly handle the word of truth.*



*Next month: Epistles! (Prose/Discourse)*

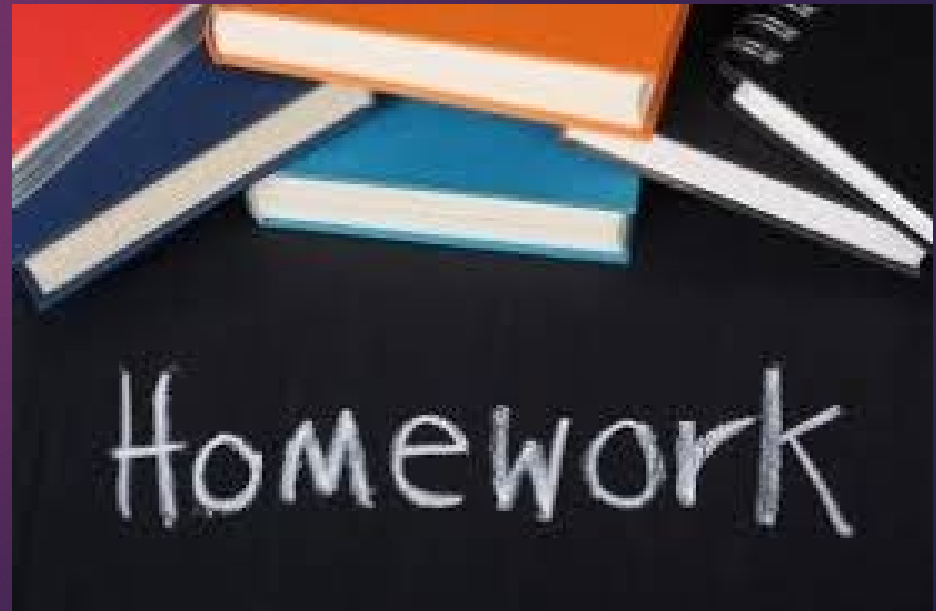
*Date: October 27*

*Challenge: Spend time this month meditating on the Word of God.*



## *Homework:*

- *Read “How to Read the Bible”-Chapter 3 and 4.*
- *Pick a short familiar passage from an epistle and study it. Make a diagram, lists, ask questions, etc to dig into it deeper.*



## Scripture Memory: Psalm 1:1-2

*Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the  
counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of  
sinners,*

*nor sits in the seat of  
scoffers;*

*2 but his delight is in the law  
of the LORD,*

*and on His law he  
meditates day and night.*



Wrap Up