

Lesson 7: Discovering the Intentional Theological Motif(s)/Message(s) of a Biblical Book

Review

Principles to Help Discover the Intending Meaning of Biblical Books

1. Start with the goal in mind
2. Stay within the Biblical book you are studying for as long as possible
3. Read the book in its entirety in one to four sittings
4. Look for a thematic statement in the book
5. Look for repetitious terms

6. Remember that each book of the Bible has a unique purpose as to why it was written

7. Study the context of OT quotes when used in NT passages

8. Follow the “Jeopardy Principle”

9. Pay attention to what is not in the text

10. Always ask the text questions

11. Always keep in mind the meta-narrative of Scripture

a) Creation → Fall → Redemption → Consummation (Glorification)

12. Don’t be afraid to ask questions of a more mature Christian