

PART 3 - DIGGING DEEPER - INTERPRETATION

WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?

- Study the Context
- Let Scripture explain Scripture
- Look for Key Words

1. The Bible is _____

Jesus is called the Word

"In the Beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." John 1:1

2. Key Words _____

Fastest most effective way into the meaning of a text is with _____.

4 Types of Key Words:

Unclear Words

Any words you do not know the meaning of, either at all or partially.

Theological Words

These are Bible words filled with doctrinal meaning. Typically not used in day to day conversation.

Repeated Words

- Repetition highlights importance.
 - Repetition of similar words or ideas.
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Grammatical Words

The grammar of a word is what it does in the text:

-Action Words

Verbs; what the characters in the text are doing, what God is doing, or what we're being told to do

-Describing Words

Adjectives, Adverbs, Simile/Metaphor: These words enrich, enhance, and clarify other words.

-Connecting Words

Conjunctions, prepositions: form relationships between ideas, people or things

3. How do we define Key words?

Dictionary – only gives modern English definition

Context – does the text explain the meaning?

Concordance – how the word is used throughout the Bible

Bible Helps - Commentaries, Bible Dictionaries, Handbooks

Digital Resources - Blue Letter Bible, Olive Tree, Logos

INTERPRETATION WORKSHEET

UNCLEAR

THEOLOGICAL

REPEATED

GRAMMAR - ACTION

GRAMMAR - DESCRIBING

GRAMMAR - CONNECTING

CONCLUSION - WHAT YOU DIG UP - APPLICATION

WHAT DOES THE TEXT TEACH ME TO DO?

We must always be able to draw a straight line

5 Things to Look for

Sins to Avoid

Promises to Claim

Actions To Take

Commands to Obey

Examples to Follow

APPLICATION WORKSHEET

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