

Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Personal Bible Study

Lesson 5 – Application

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Application is how we apply the Word of God to our lives.

Application should only be done after the steps of observation, interpretation, and correlation.

It is impossible to know what a passage means to me, before you know exactly what the means itself (interpretation).

While studying the Bible, our goal should not only be to gain information. One of the main things Bible Study should do is cause transformation.

Our goal shouldn't be for us to just get through the Bible, but that the Bible may get through us!

Remember what James, the brother of Jesus said, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22

Colossians 3:16a says "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...

In Richard Mayhue's book, "How to Study the Bible", he lists these questions to ask about application:

1. Are there examples to follow?
2. Are there commands to obey?
3. Are there errors to avoid?
4. Are there sins to forsake?
5. Are there promises to claim?
6. Are there new thoughts about God?
7. Are there principles to live by?

Put it to work: Psalm 13, John 3:16

Questions

1. What is application?
2. You can have an application before interpretation. True or false?
3. Bible study should give you information and cause what?
4. What does James 1:22 say?
5. How can you apply Proverbs 3:5 to your life?
6. How can you apply Psalms 23:4 to your life?
7. What questions does Richard Mayhue ask about application?