

Reading It Well

Making Sense of God's Word

What did he say? (Observation)

What did he mean? (Interpretation)

What do i do with it? (Application)

I. What did he say? (Observation)

Observation is carefully examining the text to see what it says

Getting started

Read as if _____

Take _____

Ask _____

Watch for _____

Do not interpret yet!!!!!!

When we observe, for what do we look?

Words

_____ words or phrases

_____ terms

Other _____ words

_____ (he / she / it)

_____ (how the words are put together)

Pay particular attention to _____

therefore, and, but, however, now, for, since, here, that, then, until

When we observe, what else do we look for?

_____ (where is the audience?)

_____ (book or event)

_____ / _____ of people

And anything else that might be important!

Literary form

_____ (telling a story – Acts)

_____ (teaching, “letter” – Galatians)

_____ (Psalms, Proverbs)

_____ (General observations about how life works – Proverbs)

_____ (heavy use of figurative language – Isaiah)

The more carefully we observe the text, the less likely we will be to make mistakes in understanding and applying the text!