

Part 8

How To Study the Bible Logically

1. Think about the way you tend to study the Bible. Would you say that you make an effort to seek out what the Bible is actually saying? Do you pay attention to the context? If so, how has this helped you? If not, how do you think this might change the way you read the Bible?
2. In your own words, why is it important to distinguish between interpretation and application?
3. In your own words, why is it important to look for the plain meaning of each passage rather than seeking out a deeper meaning?
4. Would you say that your study of the Bible is focused on finding the plain meaning of each passage? Why or why not?
5. Do you have a tendency to interpret the Bible allegorically or figuratively? If so, why do you think you tend to do this?
6. In your own words, explain why paying attention to the grammatical and historical context is important. How should these concepts shape your study of the Bible?
7. What would it mean for you to read the Bible with an awareness of your own baggage and a willingness to get rid of those assumptions for the "sake of understanding God's truth more clearly?"
8. In light of what you have thought through in this session, how do you need to change your approach to reading and studying the Bible?