

2011 – MINISTRY TRAINING

2. Applying the Text

Wednesday, 9th February

Colossians 1 v9-10 *What is the connection with knowledge & Christian conduct?*

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

RECAP: #1 Approaching the Text:

HUMAN BOOK – 66 books over 40 human authors.
 So we need to treat it as literature. Meaning is found in the words, sentences and context – not mystically.
 DIVINE BOOK - One author. So we need to read it as God’s Word to us.
 Inspired, Inerrant & authoritative
 Key Interpretative Principle: Analogy of faith/Scripture.

#2 Observing the Text:

PITFALLS

PRACTICE - Pray, Read, Question

Remembering Text wrapped in Context is KING!



Two Main Questions – What? & So What?

What? - What is the content; the theme?

So What? – What does it mean? It is the application question.



#3 - Applying the Text - SO WHAT ?

EXISTENTIAL MANNA!



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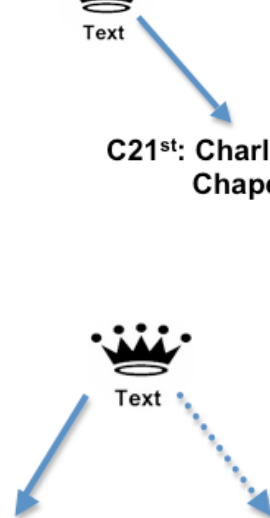
TRAVELLING INSTRUCTIONS!

e.g. 2 Corinthians 5v20 / 2 Corinthians 6 v14

1v1;
 6v11; 7v2;
 7v8
 11v1-6; v12-14



C1st: Corinth → **C21st: Charlotte Chapel**



e.g. 1 Corinthians 13

Travel To 1st C. Corinth – Small group Discussion – chase up Bible references – what was going on at Corinth at the time of this first letter by Paul?

1v7

1v10-11

3v1-4; v21-23

4v18-19

5v1-2; v6

6v1-2;v6-8

8v1

11v17-22; v33

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD TO US TODAY (21st C)- WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD WAS SAYING IN THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT. NEED TO TRAVEL TO 1st C. CORINTH.

WHAT DOES GOD’S WORD CONTINUE TO SAY?

Hebrews 3v7 – 19

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

“Today, if you hear his voice,

8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
on the day of testing in the wilderness,

9 where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.

10 Therefore I was provoked with that generation,
and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart;
they have not known my ways.’

11 As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’”¹

12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

Observation Exercise:

How does the writer to the Hebrews use the OT?

How many different periods of history does God’s Word continue to address?

ESSENTIAL APPLICATION: REPENT & BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS

Mark 1v14-15

<http://www.charlottechapel.org/what-we-do/events/resources>

¹ Psalm 95v7-11