**Hermeneutics on ONE PAGE**

**Prayer**

**Observations:** *What did it say - to original audience? - (50% of overall study)*

***Keep all observations in 3rd person – he, she, they.***

* Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How.
* Repetition, Similarities, contrasts, climax, comparison, cause-effect
* How does every word fit into what author is saying?
* What is the Tone of the passage?
* Stating facts… command… advice…. description.
* Note Conditional/transitional/purpose wording: if, then, because, so that, therefore.
* Plural vs. singular
* Past, present or future tense of verbs
* Do one word study on a key word.

**Interpretation:** *What did it mean – to original audience? (25% of overall study)*

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* What are the key words in the passage (verbs, theological language, transition/purpose words…)?
* What words are unfamiliar or don’t understand?
* Ask and seek answers to questions that need to be answered to more fully understand passage.
* How does the Paragraph….chapter…. book shape and/or inform about these verses?
* Are any key words, ideas or themes repeated in the book? What about in the rest of the Bible?
* Is there any wording being used figuratively, symbolically, non literally?

*Here and only here do you begin to use outside sources – ie: commentaries.“Am I in the ballpark?”*

**Boiling it down:** *Shaping the Main Point of the Passage. (15% of overall study)*

* What is the subject of the passage? –start with: Who, What, Where, When, Why or How.
* Flip the subject into a question.
* The answer will give you the compliment.
* Subject + Compliment = Main Point of the passage
* Word it in a short (15 words or less), memorable (alliteration, rhythm, rhyme all help).
* Use here and now language (me, I, we)

**Application:** *What do I do? (10% of overall study)*

* Assess the degree of transfer-ability. How much can apply to me?
* Apply to your life via an application that can be measured, recognized or realized.
  + Rather than “prayer more”, could write out “prayer 1 day a week for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”