### Getting Started: Choosing a Translation and Making Observations

**Lesson 1 Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Identify general principles of biblical interpretation.
  2. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of different Bible translations.
  3. Practice making observations on sentences, paragraphs, and discourses.

### Lesson 1 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Duvall & Hayes, *Grasping God's Word*: Chapters 1-5, 10
  2. Kaiser & Silva, *Book Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*: Chapters 1-2
  3. Mounce, William, "[English Grammar: Verb Inflection](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850034-dt-content-rid-6268884_1/xid-6268884_1" \o "English Grammar Verb Inflection" \t "_blank) "

**View or listen to the following for this week**:

* 1. Kauk, "[Three Reasons People Change from the KJV](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850034-dt-content-rid-6447025_1/xid-6447025_1" \o "Three Reasons People Change from the KJV" \t "_blank) "
  2. Kauk, "[Overview of Hermeneutics](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850034-dt-content-rid-6268886_1/xid-6268886_1" \t "_blank) "

### Historical and Literary Context

**Lesson 2 Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Evaluate his or her own pre-understandings and foundational beliefs.
  2. Identify the historical context of a passage of Scripture.
  3. Outline and explain the literary context of a passage of Scripture.
  4. Recognize principles for studying biblical words.

### Lesson 2 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Duvall & Hayes, *Grasping God's Word*: Chapters 6-9
  2. Kaiser & Silva, *Book Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*: Chapter 3
  3. Guthrie, "[Discourse Analysis](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850037-dt-content-rid-6271003_1/xid-6271003_1" \o "Discourse Analysis" \t "_blank) "

**View or listen to the following for this week**:

* 1. Kauk, "[Using Logos Bible Software to Do Word Studies](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850037-dt-content-rid-6271004_1/xid-6271004_1" \t "_blank) "

### New Testament Genres - Letters, Gospels

**Lesson 3 Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Evaluate hermeneutical principles for interpreting Epistles.
  2. Evaluate hermeneutical principles for interpreting Gospels.
  3. Apply principles for studying biblical words.

### Lesson 3 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Duvall & Hayes, *Grasping God's Word*: Chapters 14-15
  2. Kaiser & Silva, *Book Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*: Chapters 10-11

**View or listen to the following for this week**:

* 1. Kauk, "[Genre](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850041-dt-content-rid-6273778_1/xid-6273778_1" \t "_blank) "
  2. Kauk, "[Interpreting the Parables](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850041-dt-content-rid-6273779_1/xid-6273779_1" \t "_blank) "

### Old & New Testament Genres - Acts, Revelation, OT Narrative

**Lesson 4 Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Evaluate hermeneutical principles for interpreting the book of Acts.
  2. Evaluate hermeneutical principles for interpreting the book of Revelation.
  3. Evaluate hermeneutical principles for interpreting OT Narrative.
  4. Construct a bibliography of scholarly sources needed to interpret a Bible passage.

### Lesson 4 Reading/Viewing/Listening

* 1. [[ile](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850044-dt-content-rid-6275605_1/xid-6275605_1) Apocalyptic Genre.pdf](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850044-dt-content-rid-6275605_1/xid-6275605_1" \t "_blank) (15.821 MB)

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Duvall & Hayes, *Grasping God's Word*: Chapters 16-18
  2. Kaiser & Silva, *Book Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*: Chapter 8
  3. Harris, "Apocalyptic Genre: Visions and Symbols"

**View or listen to the following for this week**:

* 1. Kauk, "[Interpreting the Book of Revelation](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850044-dt-content-rid-6275606_1/xid-6275606_1" \t "_blank) "
  2. Kauk, "[Finding Commentaries and Journal Articles](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850044-dt-content-rid-6275607_1/xid-6275607_1" \t "_blank) "

### Old Testament Genres - Law, Poetry, Prophecy, Wisdom

**Lesson 5 Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Evaluate hermeneutical principles for interpreting Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature.
  2. Evaluate hermeneutical principles for interpreting Old Testament Prophecy.

### Lesson 5 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Duvall & Hayes, *Grasping God's Word*: Chapters 19-22
  2. Kaiser & Silva, *Book Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*: Chapters 9, 12

### Meaning in Their Town

**Lesson 6 Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Interpret a passage of Scripture using sound hermeneutical principles.
  2. Evaluate the scholarly discussion regarding a passage of Scripture.
  3. Evaluate hermeneutical principles for interpreting typology.

### Lesson 6 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Duvall & Hayes, *Grasping God's Word*: Chapter 11
  2. Kaiser & Silva, *Book Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*: Chapter 6

**View or listen to the following for this week**:

* 1. Kauk, "[Typology](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-850047-dt-content-rid-6277670_1/xid-6277670_1" \t "_blank) "

### Application in Our Town

**Lesson 7 Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Discover theological principles in a passage of Scripture.
  2. Apply theological principles to modern contexts.
  3. Develop a strategy for applying Scripture to modern contexts.

### Lesson 7 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Duvall & Hayes, *Grasping God's Word*: Chapters 12-13
  2. Kaiser & Silva, *Book Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*: Chapters 4-5, 13-15

### [Application Paper](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/webapps/assignment/uploadAssignment?content_id=_845844_1&course_id=_25779_1&group_id=&mode=view) – Week 8

Attached Files:

* [[ile](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-845844-dt-content-rid-5271331_1/xid-5271331_1) Applications from Psalm 1.pdf](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-845844-dt-content-rid-5271331_1/xid-5271331_1" \t "_blank) (332.216 KB)

In 2-3 pages, take the passage for your exegetical project through the final four steps in the interpretive journey as presented in *Grasping God’s Word*, pages 238-241

* Measure the width of the river to cross.  What are the difference between the biblical situation and today?
* Cross the principlizing bridge. List the theological principles communicated by the passage.
* Consult the biblical map.  How do these theological principles fit with the rest of the Bible?
* Grasp the text in our town.  How should individual Christians today live out the theological principle?

See the example, “Applications from Psalm 1” above.