



HOW TO READ

THE BIBLE

8 WEEK CLASS
MONDAYS 7-9PM

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The Need for Interpretation

How to Read the Bible

Session 1

Overview

Course Objectives

1. Develop a passion for reading and interpreting God's Word
2. Be able to ask many literary and contextual questions of Scripture.
3. Begin developing a personal hermeneutical method that seeks a correct interpretation of Scripture, with humility.

Overview

What are we about to Learn?

Why do we need to learn how to Interpret?

Anyone who lives on *milk*, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But *solid food* is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:13-14

"What is this text saying to me and what difference should it make in my life if any?"

Terms to Learn

Hermeneutics: Correctly understanding the thought of an author and communicating that thought to others.

hermeneuo – to explain, interpret or translate

hermeneia – Interpretation or Translation

Exegesis: Reading the Author's original meaning out of the text

Eisegesis: Reading your own meaning into the text

The Role of the Interpreter (You)

The Meaning of Scripture needs to be CLEAR

Be Objective

We each have Presuppositions and Preunderstandings

We must not read our own ideas and interpretations into the text

Avoid Proof-Texting

The Role of The Holy Spirit

Responsible for giving us the Bible

How Illumination of the Holy Spirit Helps Believers Understand Scripture

Convinces reader the Bible is true

Gives the ability to apprehend, not comprehend, the meaning

Leads to conviction that enables reader to embrace its meaning

The Role of The Holy Spirit

Responsible for giving us the Bible

Aids us in reading Scripture (Illumination)

Does not inform us of Scripture's Meaning

Words and Meaning

Locution: What the Text says

Illocution: The Authors intention

Perlocution: The desired outcome for the Reader/action to be taken

Extra Biblical Resources

Lexicon

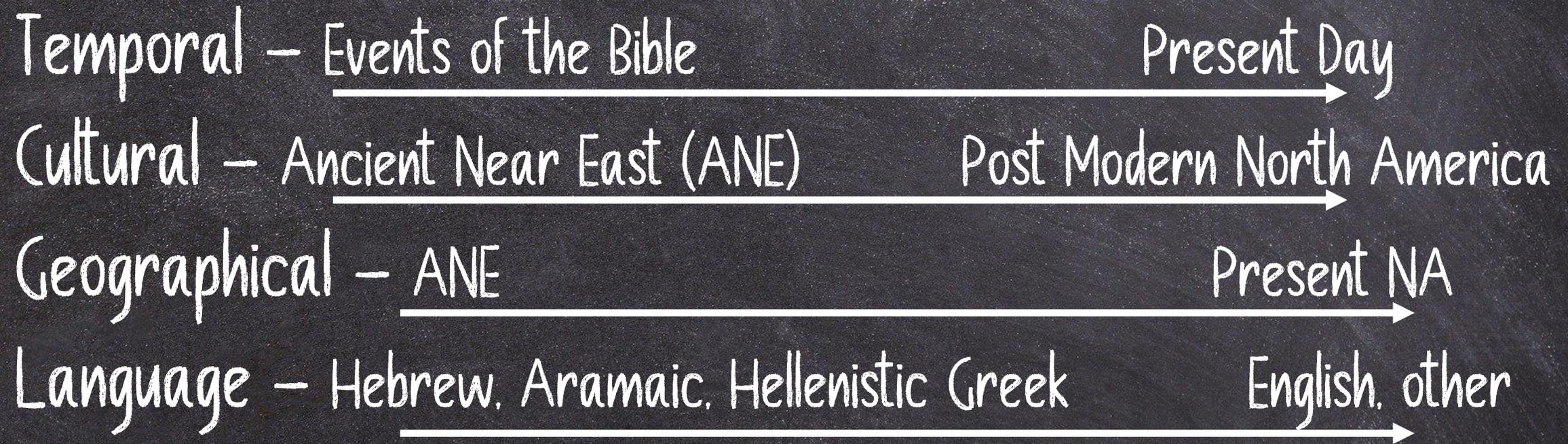
Introduction or Survey

Bible Atlas

Biblical Encyclopedia

Commentaries

Impact of Distance



Exercise

Read and Discuss

2 Timothy 4:6-13, 21

What are some of the questions you could be asking from this passage?

What We Have Learned Today

We need to learn how to Interpret...

1. To Discern God's Message
2. Avoid or dispel Misconceptions and erroneous perspectives
3. To be able to apply the Bible's message to our Lives

