SESSION 4

4th May 2024

WRITING A BIBLE STDY

Helping to hear God's voice together

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- Any time the Bible is taught the aim is faith (how does this deepen our trust in God?) and obedience (how am I equipped for "good work" here?)
- Bible studies train all of us to hear God speaking through his word on his tems
- A prime opportunity for "speaking the truth in love" (*Eph 4v15*)
- A chance to see the word working on people from contexts different from our own
- A chance to ask questions and learn from one another at length
- A space to help one another more personally apply God's word

Every Christian is a

Bible thinker – *Jer 31v31-34*

Bible speaker – *Col 3v16, Eph 4v15*

What's the *aim* of a Bible study?

For a group to think about and speak God's word to one another, that together we might grow in faith and obedience as we hear His voice.

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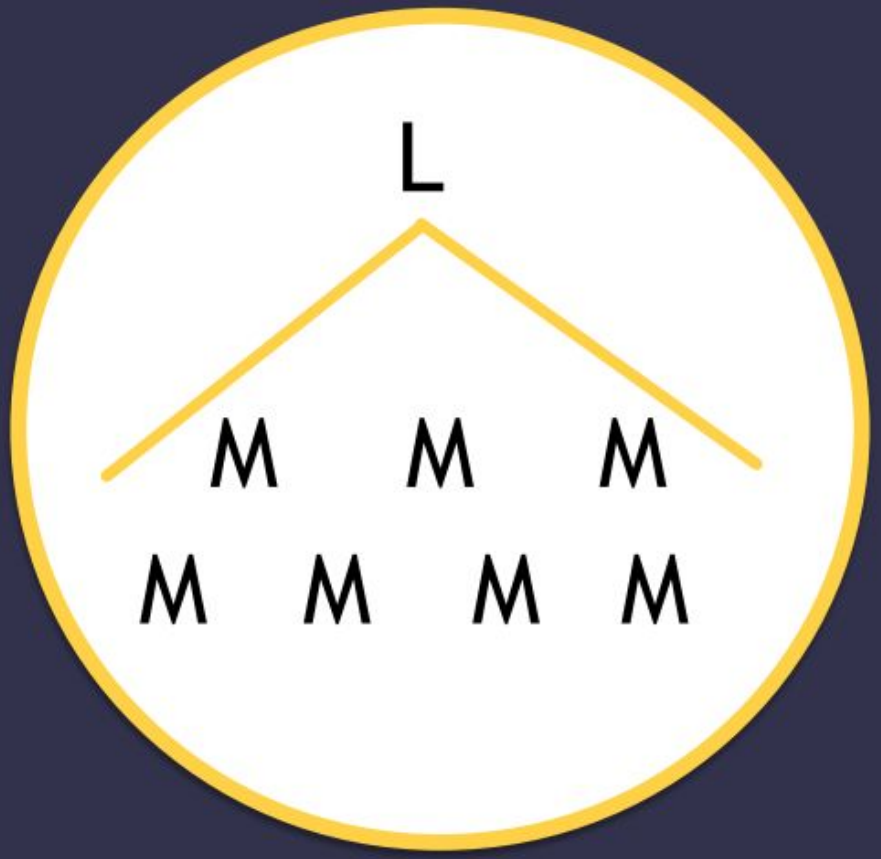

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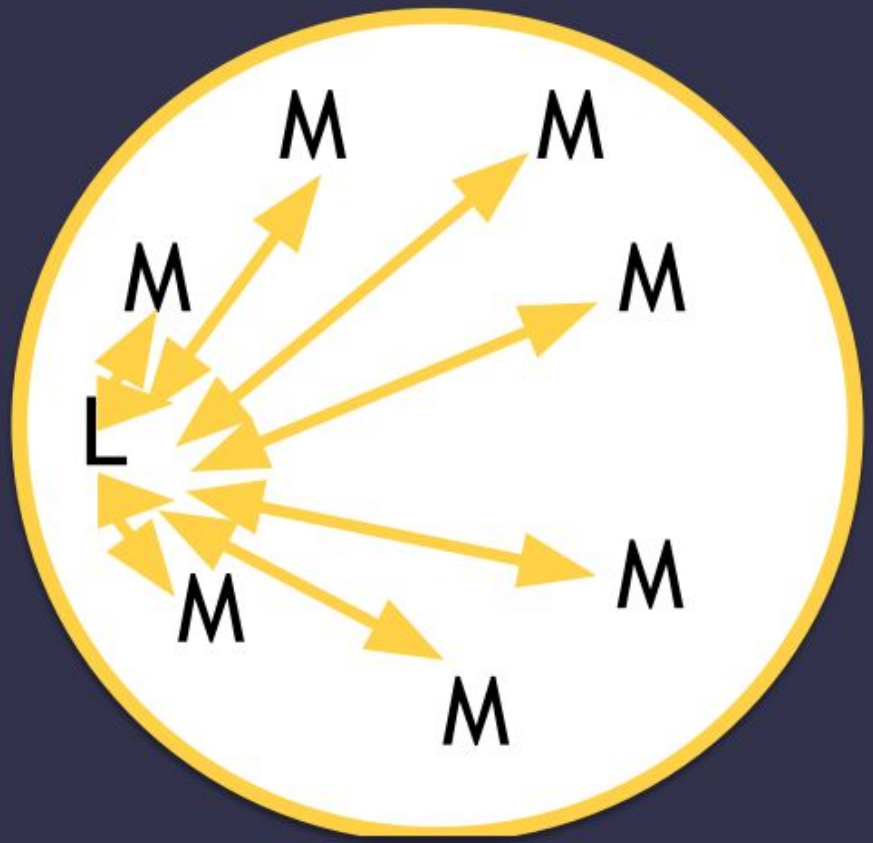

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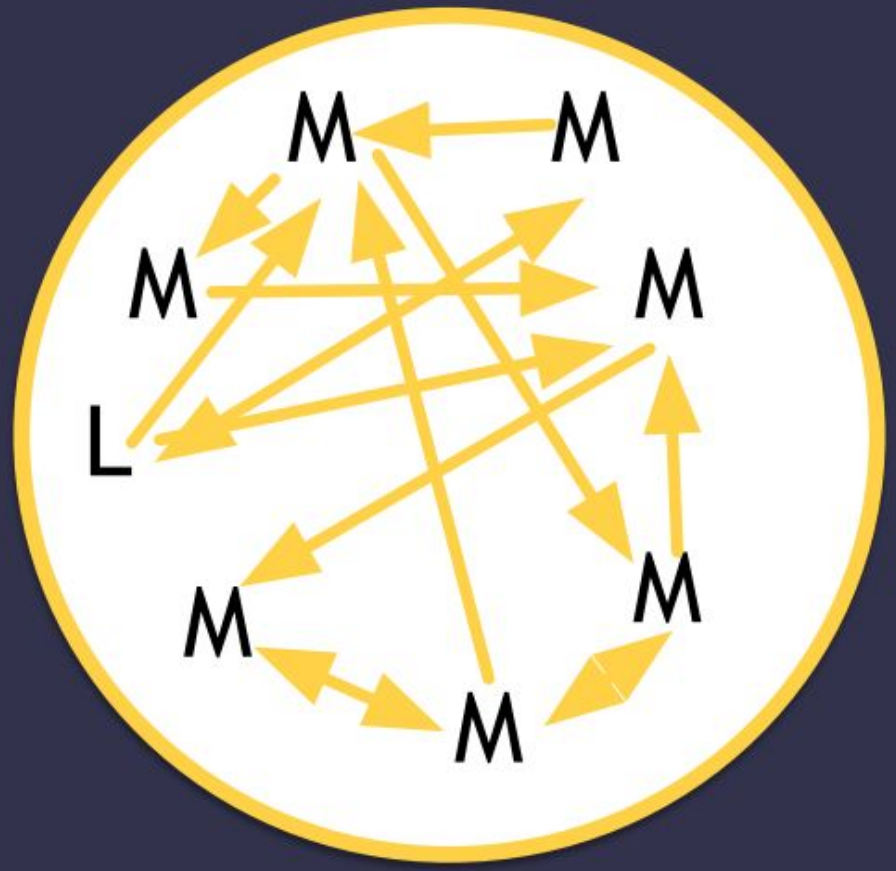

A player-coach

Some things to note

- There is one meaning, not many – therefore answers might be right/wrong/all points in between the two!
- Get the group to evaluate/correct/ add to one another's comments
- Remember: a group will see more things, puzzle over more things, etc, than you did as one individual – aim not to limit the group's discussion by your preparation
- Not everything you've learned in prep time will make it into the study

– know the passage well enough to answer questions but don't try to cover every detail in the questions you ask

- There is one meaning, but many applications – let this run!

How do I write a Bible study?

….using the same principles/ tools you do to prep it

3 main types of questions:

Comprehension - what does it say?

Interpretation - what does it mean?

Application - so what?

Big Idea: What is the main point(s) of the passage?

Aim/ Purpose: How does God want the people reading/ hearing this passage to respond?

Asking good Q's

- Avoid closed Q's
- Avoid overly open Q's
- Be creative!
- Have supplementary Q's ready (especially for interpretation)
  - *Where are you getting that?*
  - *What do others think?*
  - *Can someone sum up Paul's argument so far?*
  - *Can you explain that verse in your own words?*

Have a go (20 mins)

Titus 2v11-15

Comprehension

1. Mindmap everything we learn about `the grace of God'
2. What is the past, present and future of the Christian?

Interpretation

3. What is the relationship between good works and grace? What's your response to this?
4. Why does Paul put this stunning doctrinal truth after v1-10?

Application

5. What effects does forgetting God's grace have in our lives?
6. How can we allow God's grace to help us battle sin and pursue godliness?
7. What will it look for us as a church to be a waiting people?

Practise
but most importantly
PRAY