

Lesson 1 Notes – 01/15/2008

DEFINITIONS:

"Effective Bible Study"

1. Bible - 66 documents we believe are the result of God revealing Himself to mankind; 1500 years, 40 authors
2. Study - Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary:
 - a. application of the mind to the acquisition of knowledge
 - b. research
 - c. detailed examination and analysis of a subject
3. Effective - again, Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary:
 - a. accomplishes the purpose
 - b. producing the intended result
 - c. that which works
 - d. efficient

Exegesis:

1. from the Greek "ek" (out) and "hegeisthai" (to lead, to guide)
2. root meaning is the bring or lead out what is in the text or communication
3. technical term today meaning "critical explanation or analysis of a text"

Interpretation:

1. technical term is hermeneutics – Hermes was the messenger and interpreter of the Greek gods.
2. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 shows what real interpretation does: teaching, rebuking, correcting, training in righteousness

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IN THIS CLASS:

1. Develop a genuine love for in-depth Bible study
2. Train our eyes, minds, imaginations and hearts to experience the impact of God's Word
3. Adopt a method for Bible study which yields rich rewards in personal knowledge and growth
4. Become more proficient at communicating the impactful message of Scripture to others

ATTITUDES AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES:

Attitude often determines outcome and results. We want you and all believers to be in love with

God's Word. There are some attitudes, commitments of our hearts, we need to have to succeed in Bible study:

1. Absolute faith and confidence that the Bible is God's revelation - and He intends for us to understand it!
2. A heart attitude of reverence and deep respect for God's Word. We are hearing God speak to us!
3. Hunger and expectation. Food tastes best to hungry people! Come to the Word expecting to be fed!
4. Desire for guidance and direction for life. Psalm 119:105 "a light. . . a lamp"
5. Make a commitment to change when God's Word shows our inadequacies or sins.
6. Let God's Word continually increase our faith and our hope.
7. Commit to put in the time, effort and work to master effective Bible study. Like an athlete:
I Corinthians 9:24ff

READING: *"The Student, the Fish, and Agassiz"*

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