

THE SCHOOL OF

Wesleyan Studies

The Optimism of Grace

Session #4—How To Study The Bible

Introductory Remarks

Review Observation

Grammatical study to answer Question: What did this mean to the original reader?

Another Area of Observation: History

Determining if something is Historical:

-People

-Places

--Practices

Finding Good Resources for History:

--International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

--Dictionaries and Encyclopedias (BlueletterBible.com)

--The Life and Times of Jesus The Messiah, Alfred Edersheim

Developing a Sense of “The Important”

(over please)

4 Step Method

1. Prayer

2. Observation

What did this mean to The Original Audience

Grammatical Matters

Historical Matters

3. Interpretation

Process of Interpretation

Intentional step of asking and answering questions about your Observations
(Grammatical and Historical)

Asking and Answering of Questions

Practice about term “apostle”

Definitional Questions (define)

Rational Questions (why)

Implicational Questions (Imply or Infer)

Practice and explanation: