



Appendix 12

The Exegetical Project: Using the Three-Step Model to Exegete Scripture

Please also read pages 8-10 in your Capstone student workbook before starting, or refer to the course syllabus in Foundations.

Introduction

Start with a one-paragraph introduction which states the passage you are studying, and the main idea in it.

STEP ONE – Original Situation

What was God saying to the people in the text's original situation?

1. Who? When? Where? Why? What? (Observe passage carefully.)
 - a. Read chapter around passage and discuss insights.
 - b. Identify and discuss historical, literary, and cultural issues.
2. Do a verse-by-verse study of each verse in your passage. Make a simple verse-by-verse outline.
 - a. Read in other translations and discuss insight.
 - b. Study and discuss unique words.
3. Summarize the original meaning of the passage. Don't talk about general principles or applications yet.

Key Tools

Bible Dictionary, Study Bible, Additional Translations, Word Dictionary, Commentaries and Concordance.

STEP TWO – Finding General Principles

What principles does the text teach that is true for all people, in all places, at all times?

1. Finish Original Situation then find General Principles.



2. State what the General Principles are.
3. Check against other Scripture and discuss.
4. Check against commentaries and discuss.
5. Draw out key general principles (1-3).

Key Tools

Concordance, Commentaries, and Topical Bible

STEP THREE – Applying General Principles

What is the Holy Spirit asking me to do with these principles in my life and ministry?

1. Do this section after completing the Original Situation and General Principles sections. This is where you address the issues which surfaced in the previous sections and apply them to your life and to those you are teaching.
2. How? How is this passage “Good News” to me and others? How does this passage affect my relationship to God, others, the church and culture?
3. So what? “What am I to believe?” and “What am I to do?” “Now that I have studied this passage, what difference does it make?”
4. Relate key general principles to your life and ministry.

Key Tools

Newspapers, News, Listening, Praying

- Include parenthetical notes in your paper.
- Include a *Works Cited* page at the end of your paper. (See the following appendix, *Documenting Your Work*.)

