

Interpretation SECOND

All about “Answering Questions”

1. CIE – Context is Everything

Cultural Context

- Read notes at bottom of page in a good Study Bible
- Read a book on OT or NT Culture (Craig Keener, *IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament*)

Historical Context

- Read Introductory notes on the biblical Book in a good study Bible
- Refer to the maps in a Study Bible for Geographic context.

Literary Context

- Read the book-as-a-whole. Then, address, “How is the ENTIRE story held together “logically”?”
- Gordon Fee, *How to Read the Bible: Book by Book*
- Check out TheBibleProject.com for videos and material on the content of the Bible.

2. Words have meanings

- Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek words can be found BlueLetterBible.com or BibleStudyTools.com or StudyLight.org
- A Bible Concordance (keyed to various translations).

3. Read with the “Community of Faith”

- Commentaries are the best starting point
- Free are OK. BlueLetterBible.org or BibleStudyTools.com
- Why not move on with a something like this:
 - Craig Keener, *IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* or John Walton, *IVP Bible Background Commentary: Old Testament*
 - Tom Wright: *Matthew For Everyone* (Every NT Book)
 - *Tyndale New Testament Commentary Series* (Every NT Book)

4. Is this your “Final Answer?”

- Put together the answer to your Text-Driven question.
- How has all your “heavy lifting” in Observation and Interpretation provided insight into the truth laid out in the Bible?