

Accurately Handling the Word of Truth

Principles

1. What does this have to say about the Lord Jesus Christ?
2. Top down, then bottom up
3. What Testament is it in, and what is the major theme of that Testament?
4. Who is the author, and who was the original audience?
5. What were the historical and personal circumstances that accompanied the writing of this book?
6. Read the entire book first!
7. What genre is the book?
8. Where does the book take us? Where does it start, and where does it end?
9. Summarize the entire book in a paragraph of no more than 3-5 sentences. Then state what the BIG STORY - the main purpose - is in ONE sentence.
10. How is the book put together? Write a high level outline of 5-7 section headings.

Exegesis and Hermeneutics

Exegesis is what the text meant to the original audience

Hermeneutics is what the text means to the current audience

How to understand what a book of the Bible is about