



## Session Seven: Application

### 1. Revisiting Interpretation

1.1. The observation phase of this inductive study allowed us to learn **what** the text says. Interpretation called us to focus on what the text **means**.

1.2. Group Presentations

### 2. Application

2.1. "While the interpretation of the text is reasonably objective and concrete, being tied to authorial intent, application moves into a much more **subjective** realm, the realm of the reader...Application requires movement from the original context to our contemporary context, a journey laden with questions of relevance and legitimacy. Ultimately, it's a journey that requires great **wisdom**—or at the very least, a healthy dose of sanctified common sense."<sup>1</sup>

2.2. "The guiding principle to application can be summed up as follows: *that which is meaningful for our day must have its **foundation** in correct interpretation, the meaning of the text in its original context.*"<sup>2</sup>

2.3. "Application...takes place as you are **confronted** with the truth and **respond** to it in obedience, and the glorious end result is **transformation**. You're made more like your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."<sup>3</sup>

2.4. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV): *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

teaching = doctrine

reproof = rebuke for not believing or doing what the bible prescribes for godliness

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<sup>1</sup> Richard Alan Fuhr Jr. and Andreas J. Köstenberger, *Inductive Bible Study: Observation, Interpretation, and Application through the Lenses of History, Literature, and Theology* (Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2016), 376.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., 377.

<sup>3</sup> Kay Arthur, David Arthur, and Pete DeLacy, *How to Study Your Bible* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2010), 123.

correction = making changes to align one's life with Scripture  
training in righteousness = daily equipping to grow in Christlike maturity

## 2.5. Example Application Questions:

2.5.1. Considering Jude's overall purpose, how does this letter apply to me?

2.5.2. What clear commands are given to Jude's original audience that I must transfer to my own life? The lives of those in my home? Those I've covenanted with at church?

2.5.3. What principles are established throughout Jude, to which we must adhere?

2.5.4. What must be adjusted in my thinking to more accurately believe the truths presented in Jude? Any adjusting required at the levels of attitude and/or motive?

2.5.5. Whose help do I need in making God-honoring changes in my life?

2.5.6. Other Helpful Questions? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2.5.7. See attachment diagramming a simple approach to deriving application points.

2.6. Why is it imperative for application to be based on thorough and accurate observation and interpretation?

"Application must be based on correct observation and accurate interpretation of the Word of God. Otherwise, you'll slip into legalism, or tradition that overrides truth, or some aberrant lifestyle that has an air of religion but is contrary to a correct relationship with God."<sup>4</sup>

## Examples of Application

(1) vv1 & 24 (emphasis added) - *Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and **kept** for Jesus Christ...Now to him who is able to **keep** you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy...*

"We naturally pay great attention to the grace of God in conversion, and we joyfully anticipate the day when God's grace will be manifested again in the return of Christ. But it is easy for Christians to forget about God's grace of preservation, as he is daily and powerfully at work in and among us."<sup>5</sup>

This is an example of application through adjusting one's thinking, which should impact responding to the varied circumstances of life.

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<sup>4</sup> Kay Arthur, David Arthur, and Pete DeLacy, *How to Study Your Bible* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2010), 126.

<sup>5</sup> Douglas J. Moo, *The NIV Application Commentary: 2 Peter and Jude* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1996), 226.

(2) v21a (emphasis added) - **Keep** yourselves in the love of God...

This is a main clause being modified by 3 surrounding participles: building, praying, and waiting.

This is the doctrine of perseverance.

As God keeps believers, so believers play a part in His “keeping” plan.

Very evident are the applications of: 1) adhering to truth with other brothers and sisters in the faith (biblical fellowship), 2) maintaining a healthy and deepening prayer life, and 3) trusting in God’s timing for Christ’s return (being content with, and eager to grow from, what happens in the here and now).

### 3. Other Considerations

3.1. Have all unanswered questions been resolved?

3.2. What are some appropriate ways to bring this study to bear on others’ lives?

3.3. What might be some helpful ways to retain what I’ve learned and remain intentional with points of application?

3.4. Other Considerations? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3.5. Which book of the Bible will you next study inductively? \_\_\_\_\_

## JUDE (English Standard Version)

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion. These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage. But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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**Ongoing Questions/Themes:**

# DERIVING APPLICATION POINTS

