

HOMILETIC WORKSHEET

Homiletics is a tool to help you analyze a passage of scripture to more fully understand what God is saying to His people (you!). I am going to walk you through a short summary of how to do homiletics as taught in Bible Study Fellowship (BSF).

Pray! Always start by asking God to guide your study, that you may learn from His word.

Read! Read the passage through.

Meditate! Think about & dwell upon what God is saying to you through the passage. This isn't a race. It's a conversation between God and you.

Content list! Make a list verse by verse of what you are studying. If you are looking at a larger section of Scripture, you may reduce your reading down to 12-15 summary statements instead of verse by verse.

Identify natural divisions! Look for 2 to 4 divisions from your content list. ID the start and ending scriptures. Sometimes they 'jump out' at you; other times you may have to ponder for a bit. Look for repetitive phrases or thematic emphasis. You might also find keywords that such as "Therefore," "Then," and "But".

Compose a subject sentence! Using ten words or less, summarize the content of the entire passage of scripture. This need not be entirely grammatically correct. Nor does it need to be creatively witty.

Identify the primary truths! There may be multiple truths or teaching points. Pick the one that speaks to what you've learned and what you want you would share with others about this section of Scripture.

Identify a principle or application (or two, or more) for each division! Application is a call for action, for putting the principles of Scripture to work in our lives. It deals with attitudes, behavior, speech, lifestyle, and personal identity. Look back on each division and write out a principle that you find relevant to the division. This is where you apply God's word to life. (James 1:22-25)

The Mind must be educated (discernment).

The Heart must be motivated (desire).

The Will must be activated (decision). ~Steven Olford

Challenge Question! Extend on a challenge question for yourself or someone you would share this with. Examples:

Is there an example for me to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid/confess?

Is there a promise to claim?

Is there a prayer to repeat?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a condition to meet?

Is there a verse to memorize?

Is there a challenge to face?

Is there a principle to apply?

Is there a habit to change (start/stop)?

Is there an attitude to correct?