

# her•me•neu•tics

## HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE

— an eight week course with pastor ben —

### Lesson 1 – Introduction to Hermeneutics

#### Assignment

We talked in this lesson about observation, interpretation, and application. We discussed the importance of carefully reading God’s Word, understanding the general principle behind, and then applying it to our current situation. A good example of this is Paul’s discussion about his rights in 1 Corinthians 9. Read verses 1-18 and then reread verses 8-12. Then answer the following questions:

***What is the Old Testament Law Paul is quoting?*** \_\_\_\_\_

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***What situation does he have in mind as he applies this verse?*** \_\_\_\_\_

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***What general theological principle did Paul pull from the Old Testament law?*** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How does he apply that to his current situation?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What is Paul arguing for in chapter 9, and how does this section play into his overall argument?**

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Paul took an Old Testament law, took a broad truth principle from it, and then applied that principle in a new way. Let's attempt to do the same! Read Deuteronomy 22:8 and answer the following questions (note: a "battlement" or a "parapet" was a roof put around the roof of a home. This was from a time when people would hang out on their roof.)

**Why do you think God included this law? What general principle lay behind it?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What are some modern ways we can fulfill the spirit of this command today? )** \_\_\_\_\_

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We also talked about illumination in this lesson. One of the most important passages on illumination is Ephesians 1:15-23. Read the passage and then answer the following questions.

**What is Paul praying for in this passage?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What three things does Paul want the Ephesians to know?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Is Paul praying that they learn more about these things, or that they come to appreciate them better?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you pray these things for yourself? For others?** \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you pray this way for yourself? For others? Take some time now and pray the way Paul prays in Ephesians 1, realizing that the study of God's Word is a process that God himself wants to be a part of!