

# How to Read and Study Your Bible

## Lesson 4 – October 2, 2011

### Step 1: What did the text mean to the biblical audience?

*a. Read seriously and observe the text. What does the text say?*

*i. Words, Phrases, and Sentences*

*ii. Sentences, Paragraphs, Chapters, and Episodes*

### Things to Look for in Sentences, Paragraphs, Chapters, and Episodes

#### 1. General and Specific

Galatians 5:16, 19-22

#### 2. Questions and Answers

Romans 6:1-2

#### 3. Dialogue

John 4; 13:6-10

#### 4. Purpose and Result Statements

Ephesians 2:10; John 3:16; John 15:16

#### 5. Means

Romans 8:13; Psalm 119:9

#### 6. Conditional Clauses

1 John 1:6; 2 Corinthians 5:17

#### 7. The Actions/Roles of People and the Actions/Roles of God – Relational Terms

Ephesians 5:1-2

#### 8. Emotional Terms

Galatians 4:12-16

#### 9. Connections between Paragraphs and Episodes

#### 10. Story Shifts: Major Breaks and Pivots