



How to Study – Study Guide



Bible Reading (Other chapters may be read for extra credit/benefit)	Textbook Reading (Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)
Bible Reading	Ch. 1
☐ Proverbs 2:1-5	☐ Hermeneutics
	Course Handout
	☐ Summary of the Old Testament Books – (posted on the course website)

Study Guide for Bible Reading

Proverbs 2:1-5

- Describe the attitudes and actions that the father recommends for his son in this passage. How can you cultivate those kinds of attitudes and imitate those kinds of actions in your own life? Why is this important?
- What does the father promise will happen if the son follows these recommendations? How is that beneficial? What difference would that make in your own personal life if you did and experienced these things? How does that apply to your study of the Old Testament?

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 1

Hermeneutics: How Do We Interpret the Bible?

- What other word does the Textbook use to define the term “hermeneutics”?

Use the Grammatical-Historical Method

- What does the grammatical-historical method seek to do? How? What do you think is the benefit of this for understanding the Old Testament well?

Understand the Context

- What does the Textbook mean by the term “context”? How is this helpful for understanding the Old Testament?
- What are the three kinds of context that Bible students should study? What does each of the three tell us? Which of the three influences the meaning the most?
- Give an example of how the “remote context” may help us understand something in the Old Testament.
- What does the historical context tell us about a particular part of the Old Testament? Why is this helpful?

Determine the Type of Literature

- What is the meaning of the word “genre”? What are some examples of this that the Textbook gives? What are the dangers of not recognizing the type of literature when studying the Old Testament?

Interpret Figurative Language

- What does the Textbook mean by “figurative language”? What are the dangers of failing to recognize when the Old Testament is using figurative language?

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Let Scripture Interpret Scripture

- Describe what it means to “Let Scripture Interpret Scripture”. Why can we do this? Why is this necessary and helpful?

Discover the Application to Modern Life

- How does the Textbook suggest we determine what the text means for today?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter

Study Guide for the OT Book Summaries Handout

- How does the handout summarize the message and purpose of each book of the Old Testament?
- How does the Old Testament story and message develop over all of these books?
- What does each book contribute to the message and meaning of the Old Testament as a whole?
- Based on what you have learned from this summary, what is the message of the Old Testament as a whole? What does it reveal about the character and plan of God? How should we respond?
- What does each book contribute to our Christian life and relationship with God? How does the message of each book apply to our lives?
- How do these summaries prepare you to study each book in more detail?