

Chapter 3 – Studying Logically

Remember: teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

Coaching Conversations:

As you reach the end of this phase of your study, plan to take some time, both personally and as a group, to look backwards and reflect on the whole study. *What have you learned? Where have you been challenged? How have you grown? What passages of Scripture have had the most impact on you? Most importantly, what fruit have you evidenced from the work the Lord has done in your heart and life?* As people share, look for ways to affirm and encourage your members based on your observations over the previous weeks. After you look backwards, take some time to discuss what your group's next steps look like. Will your group continue to meet? How will you hold each other accountable to making disciples? As the leader, come up with a recommendation before your group meets, but allow your members to speak into the decision. Feel free to contact our staff or your coach if you have questions or if you would like to process this beforehand.

Starting the Conversation:

Ask your group members how they approach studying the Bible. If they've answered this question in a previous week, ask them to describe how they discern the true meaning of a passage.

Additional Questions Related to Lon's Message:

1. What are the dangers of applying a verse taken out of context? How can you be sure to avoid this in your own life?
2. Does your approach to life start with the statement: "The Bible says..." How does this approach impact the way you live your life?
3. As you study Scripture, do you make an effort to seek out the true meaning of the text? How do you make sure that your own personal bias doesn't interfere with what the text actually means?
4. How do you go about properly applying the Bible to your own life?

Continuing the Conversation (optional):

- **Bible Study Resources** – We've compiled a basic list of Study Bibles, Commentaries and Books that you may find helpful in learning how to better understand what the Bible really says. Visit this week's additional resource page online for those recommendations.
- **"What it means to me..."** – This comment, while commonly used in many Bible studies, is very dangerous to make. Each passage of Scripture has many applications but only one interpretation; therefore, explaining what a passage means to us is simply irrelevant. Discuss why that statement can be a major problem when it comes to Bible interpretation. You can also check out an article online by Walt Russell entitled, "What it Means to Me...".
- **Additional Related Passages:** *Joshua 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Peter 1:20-21*
- **Memory Verse:** *2 Timothy 2:15*
- **How did it go?** Share some experiences from your group on our blog at the website below OR tweet about it using hash-tag #gomultiply
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