

Teaching: Knowing the Word

1. The WHY

- Why we need to know the Word
- Why we don't know the Word
- What is most important?
- Two rules

2. The Bridge

The Bible was not written to you, but it was written for you!

- Characteristics of the Bible
- The Interpretive Bridge

3. The Questions

Who?

- Who apparently wrote this?
- Who would have been the original readers/hearers

When?

- When was this likely written?
- What was going on at the time?
- When is this in God's revelation?

What?

- What is the subject of this passage/chapter/book, etc?
- What kind of literature is this?

Why?

- Why was this originally written?
- Why would God include this in the Scripture?

For Application/Implication

1. What does this tell us about God's nature, ways, and priorities?
2. What is God doing for, promising, or commanding his people in this passage?
3. How is our situation similar to the original readers/hearers? How is it different?
4. What, then, is the principle, promise, or command for us in our time?
5. What does this mean for me today, right now?
 1. What do I need to KNOW?
 2. What do I need to DO?