

ANALYZING A BIBLICAL TEXT / (Sermon preparation)

- I. **OBSERVATION** (Let the Biblical text speak to you: **only use the Bible in this step**)
 1. Read & Write Observations (at least 4 separate times) on the biblical narrative
 2. Write factual questions that remain – “What is a ...?”
 3. Complete a narrative analysis (see handout #2 – who, where, what, how, etc.)
 4. Search biblical info about the text (OT quotation? Map? Same event elsewhere?)
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- II. **INFORMATION** (You go to the Biblical text with additional study resources)
 1. Concordance (Was the topic discussed elsewhere in the Bible?)
 2. Dictionaries, Encyclopedias & Interlinears (Look for key words)
 3. Social Analysis (see handout #2 - customs, background)
 4. Commentaries from scholars (e.g. NICTO, NICNT, WBC, etc.)
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- III. **APPLICATION**
 1. Theological themes highlighted in the text
 2. Relationship of the narrative with the gospel (Christ crucified)
 3. Application for daily and contemporary life
 4. Appeal