**SONAP STUDY SHEET**

* **SCRIPTURE**

***Select a passage of Scripture and determine the***

***context.***

* Who is the one talking?
* Who is the recipient?
* What are three things that have happened to

get to this point? (Or what has been talked

about so far?)

* What is one thing that is about to happen

next?

* **OBSERVATION**

***Ask, “what does it say?”, not, “what does it mean?”***

* Read the text several times and write

down 10-15 quick observations.

* + Are there any ***repeated*** words?
  + Are there any ***unique*** words?
  + Who/what is the **subject**? (E.g Timothy, disciples.).
  + What are the ***verbs***? (Actions)
  + What are the **adjectives**? (Descriptive words)
  + What ***prepositions*** are there? (Above, below,

towards, around, etc.)

* **iNTERPRETATION**

***There is only ever ONE interpretation. Answer***

***“what did it mean then?” and you will have the***

***answer to “what does it mean now?”***

* ***Interpret literally (The Word means***

***what is says.)***

* ***Interpret historically (What did it mean***

***then?)***

* ***Interpret grammatically (What does the***

***grammar communicate?)***

* **Correlate the text**

***Compare the interpretation with other parts***

***of Scriptures.***

* + What other verses talk about the same

thing?

* + What is the modern counterpart to what

is historically being described?

* **APPLICATION**

***Interpretation before application: ALWAYS.***

***Once you answer “What does it mean?” ask “What***

***does it mean FOR me?”***

* + **Who** does this text apply to? (Men, women,

husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, youths,

adults?)

* + **How** is the text intended to be applied?
  + **Where** is the text intended to be applied?
  + **When** is the text intended to be applied?
  + **What** is the best way to apply the text?
  + **Why** should the text be applied?

**What’s** at stake if the text is **not** applied?

* **PRAYER**

***Pray the application for yourself, and for others***

***that the text applies to.***

***Remember that Jesus said “without me you can do***

***nothing” (John 15:5). Ask God for HIS strength to***

***do HIS will.***