

MEFC Community Group Study Questions

For the week of December 29th – January 4th

This week, we're going to use an adapted COMA method of studying the Bible. This method comes from Pastor David Helm in the book *One-to-One Bible Reading*.

Context

1. Are there any clues about the circumstances in which the passage was written?
2. Are there any clues about the author who wrote the passage?
3. Are there any clues about the audience to whom the passage was written?
4. How does the passage relate to what came before it in the Bible - in the particular book of the Bible? And the whole Bible?

Observation

5. Are there key connecting words (for, therefore, but, because, and) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?
6. Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the passage? If so, how many? How are they distinguished? What characterizes the sub-section(s)? Are there any surprises in the flow of the argument?
7. What are the key words in the passage? Are there any repeated words or ideas?
8. What is the tone of the passage? What emotions is the author arousing?

Meaning

9. What does the passage teach us about God, his people, and life in his world?
10. Does the passage point forward to Jesus? Is the gospel anticipated or foreshadowed in some way?
11. What is the main point of the passage? How would you sum it up in your words in one sentence?

Application

12. How does the main idea challenge (or confirm) your understanding and beliefs?
13. Is there some attitude you need to change? Given the passage, what should your heart desire?
14. How does the passage challenge you to change the way you live? Lead you to be loyal to King Jesus?

Sermon Notes for 12/29/19
John 15:1-17
“Fruit That Will Last”

1. If we do not _____ we will not bear _____.
2. If we do _____, we will bear _____.
3. To _____, is to _____.
4. We _____ by _____.
5. _____ is that we _____
_____.