

# Living by His Book – *How to Understand, Interpret, and Apply the Bible*

Equipping Class Spring 2009  
Stonebriar Community Church

## Session 8: Application – What Does It Mean to Me?

### IT'S TIME TO GET PERSONAL

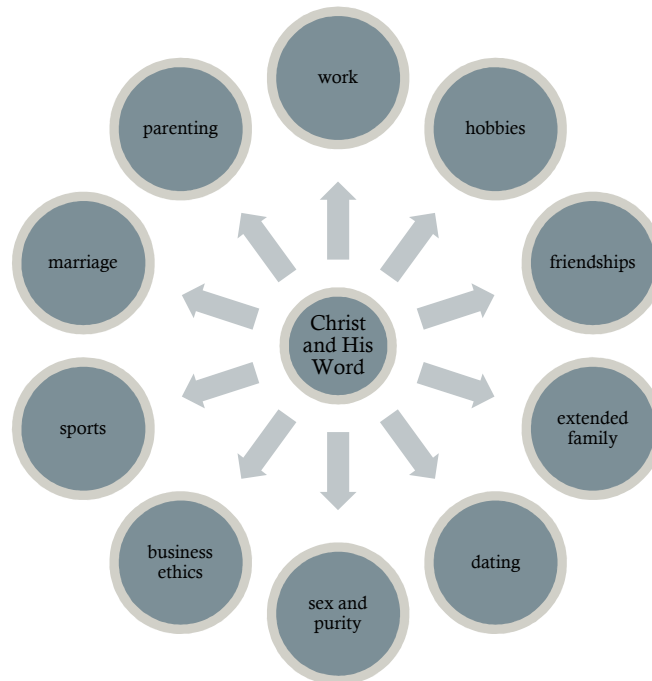
Ezra 7:10

### DON'T SETTLE FOR 4 SUBSTITUTES

1. Be careful not to substitute interpretation for application.
2. Be careful not to substitute superficial obedience for substantive life-change.
3. Be careful not to substitute rationalization for repentance.
4. Be careful not to substitute an emotional experience for a volitional decision.

### FOUR STEPS TO APPLICATION

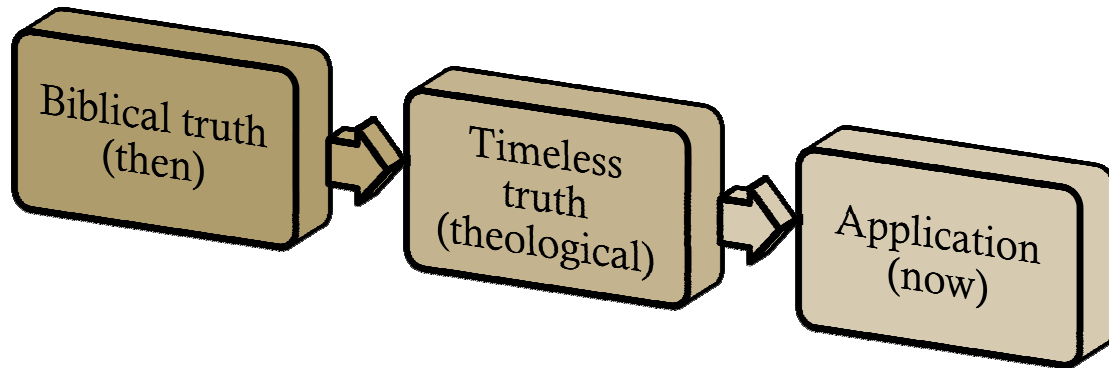
1. Know the text and know yourself
2. Relate the truth to all areas of life



3. Meditate
4. Practice

## THE TIMELESS TRUTH

This principle should correlate to the general teaching of scripture. They should speak to the needs, interests, questions, and problems of real life today. They should indicate some course of action. It can be stated in a simple sentence or two, something that anyone can understand.



## SHARING WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM COLOSSIANS 1

Break up into groups of three.

Each person share: the passage you selected, what Paul was intending to say, what the timeless truth is you discovered, and how it has made an impact in your life personally.

Take about 3-4 minutes each.

## 9 APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Is there an example to follow?
2. Is there a sin to avoid?
3. Is there a promise to claim?
4. Is there a prayer to repeat?
5. Is there a command to obey?
6. Is there a condition to meet?
7. Is there a verse to memorize?
8. Is there an error to mark?
9. Is there a challenge to face?