

SERMON NOTES

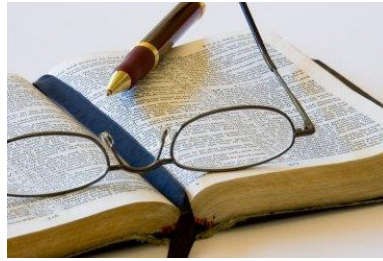
Series: Building Upon the Firm Foundation of God's Word

Title: By Understanding the Meaning of a passage (II)

Text: John 15:1-17

Topic: How to Do a Good Bible Study

Teacher: Pastor Barry. Time: 7/31/22



"If anyone doesn't remain in me, he's like a branch that's thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned." John 15:6

John 15:6 is often misinterpreted to mean, "If you don't bring people to Christ, God is going to throw you away."

The first rule of interpretation ...

1. Consider the _____.

You ask the question, _____ is being spoken to and _____ are they being told this?

In John 13, 14, 15, and 16 we have one _____ that happens on the _____. So to understand chapter 15, and get the historical context you've got to look at the verses/chapters _____ and _____ that passage.

These chapters are Jesus' _____ instructions, the _____ things he wants us to understand.

A common custom in that day was, after entering a home, servants would _____ of guests.

When Jesus washed the disciple's feet He is serving them like the _____.

"When he finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I've done for you?' Jesus asked them. 'You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that's what I am. I am the Lord. I am your teacher. But now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, so also you should wash the feet of one another, one another's feet. I have set the example that you should do as I have done for you.'" (12-15)

In chapter 13, Jesus emphasizes the importance of _____ each other. In chapter 14, Jesus makes four promises.

1. I'm going to heaven to _____ a place for you;
2. You can _____ anytime;
3. I'm going to put my _____ in you;
4. I'm going to give you the gift of _____.

In chapter 15, Jesus talks about bearing fruit by staying connected.

Then in verse 11 He says, *"I've told you this so that my _____ may be in you and that _____ may be complete."*

That's the context vs 6. Who's he talking to? His _____. Why is he saying it? To give them _____, that their joy may be full.

Is it likely that in the middle of that Jesus would say, "If you guys don't bear fruit you're going to burn in hell?"

The _____ makes that interpretation _____.