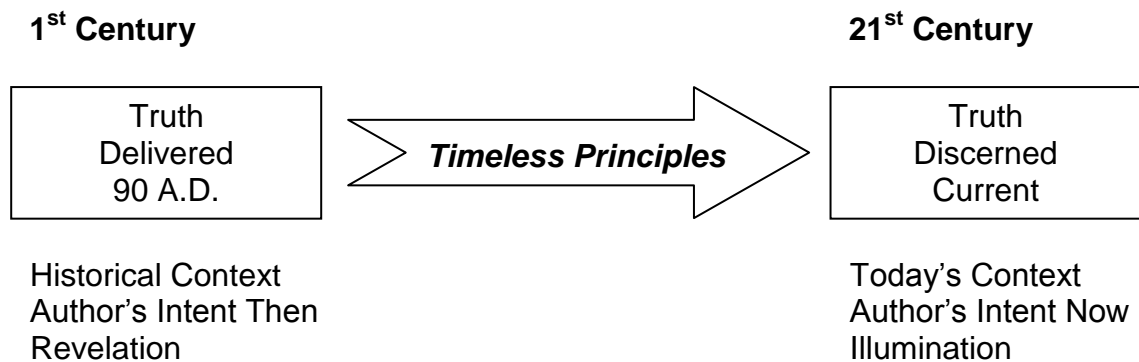


Introduction: Critical questions to consider

1. Why study this book now?
2. Why was it written initially?
 - External circumstances – 90 A.D.
 - Internal explanation John 20:30-31
3. What parallel exists today?
 - External circumstances – Pluralism
 - Internal explanation – Spiritual erosion
4. How do we discover the “real Jesus” today?



Studying the Gospel of John Together

1st - Three questions to ask whenever you study God's Word:

1. What does it say? _____
2. What does it mean? _____
3. What does it mean to me? _____

2nd - Read the passage _____ to get the "Big Picture," or general idea:

- Verses 1 – 18: Introduces the Word's origin, identity, and _____
- Verses 19 – 28: Reveals John the Baptist's identity and _____
- Verses 29 – 34: John the Baptist reveals Jesus' mission and _____
- Verses 35 – 51: Introduces us to Jesus' first 5 disciples.

3rd - Make specific _____ about one section of the chapter at a time:

i.e. The “Logos” section:

- The Word was before time began John 1:1
- The Word is God and was with God John 1:1
- The Word created everything John 1:3
- The Word is the source of life John 1:4
- This life is the light of all mankind John 1:4
- The Word is Jesus John 1:14
- Jesus reveals what God is like John 1:18

4th - Play spiritual “Jeopardy” with the text to clarify what _____ questions God’s truth is answering:

1. Who exactly are you and where did you come from?

Answer: John 1:1 – 5

2. Not to be disrespectful, but can anyone corroborate your story: these fantastic claims?

Answer: John 1: 6 – 9

3. When you look back on your earthly ministry, what was your greatest disappointment? Your greatest joy?

Answer: John 1: 10 – 13

4. Why did you choose to come to earth the way you did? What was your purpose or mission?

Answer: John 1: 14 – 18

5th - _____ the implications and application of this truth to your personal life, circumstance, and relationships. Ask...

- What did I learn?
- What difference does it make?
- How will I “by faith” apply this to my life today, this week?
- Who might help me? Who might God want me to help?