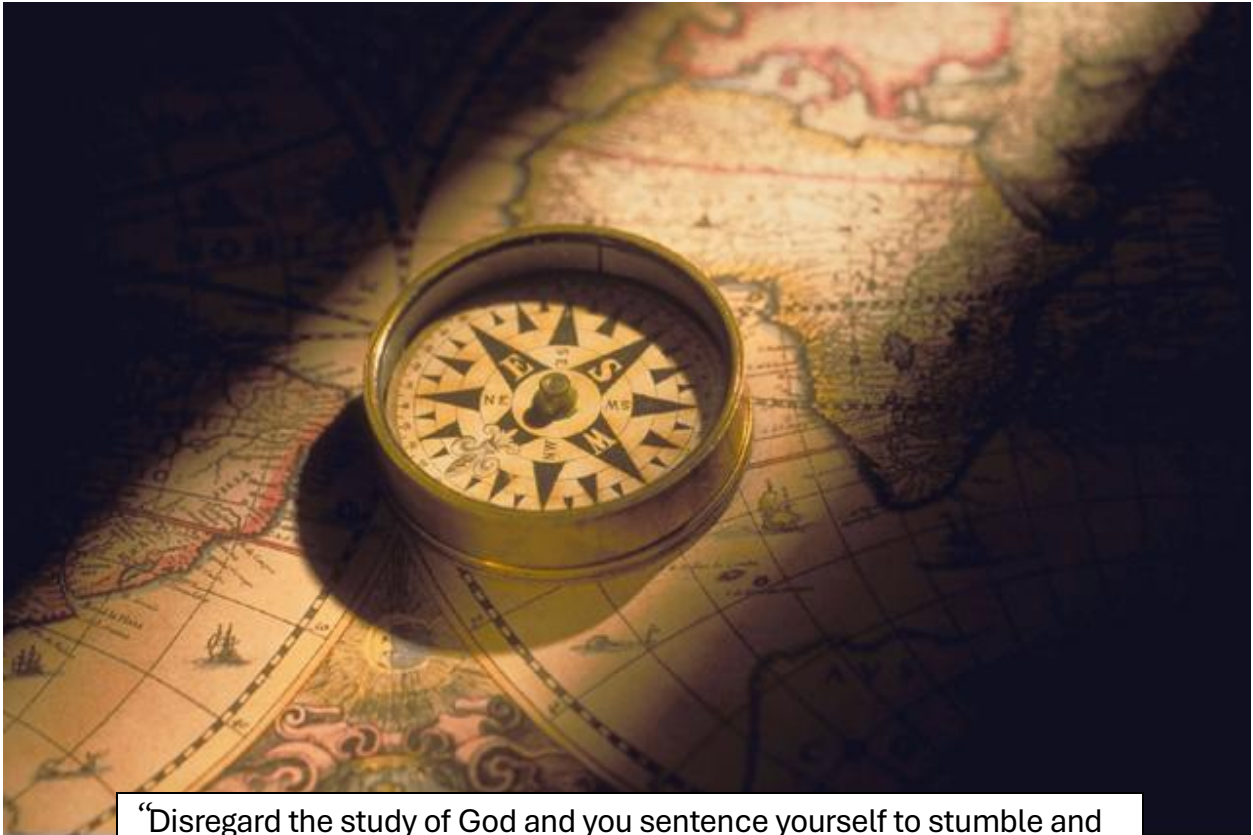


# How to Study the Bible



“Disregard the study of God and you sentence yourself to stumble and blunder through life, blindfolded, as it were, with no sense of direction and no understanding of what surrounds you”

- J. I. Packer



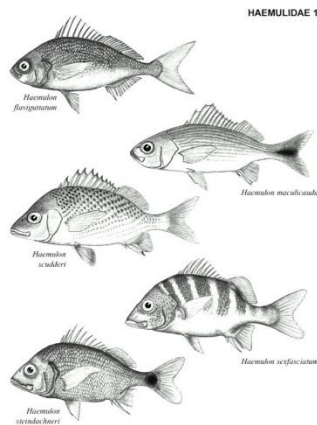
## Session 2 - Observation

## Overview of the Process



## Assignment Review

*The Student, The Fish and Agassiz*



Norman Rockwell – *April Fools*



## Ten Ways to Read

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**Which of the following come easy to you? Which are more difficult?**

How To read	Description/Notes/Comments/ Thoughts	Suggestions for me
<b>Thoughtfully</b>	The same way you would read for your job, or other need (illness) <i>When was a time that you studied thoughtfully? Vacation, sickness?</i>	
<b>Repeatedly</b>	Do you have a reading plan? Different ways, translations, all at once, plan, etc	
<b>Patiently</b>	With the text and yourself Realize you're working for the long haul	
<b>Selectively</b>	Using the right bait – questions: who, what, where, when, why, wherefore (so what).	
<b>Prayerfully</b>	From the heart and honest communication Use scripture especially Psalms	
<b>Imaginatively</b>	Read out loud, different translations, different places, from different perspective of the characters	
<b>Meditatively</b>	Reflect, contemplate, like you would about your favorite activities	
<b>Purposefully</b>	Consider the aim of the author Look at the grammar (verbs, subjects, modifiers) Literary purpose	
<b>Acquisitively</b>	To retain and posses	
<b>Telescopically</b>	Be able to put all the pieces back together and show the parts in light of the whole	

## Five Things to Look For:

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1. Things \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Amount of Space
  - b. Stated Purpose
  - c. Order
  - d. Movement from lesser to greater & Vice-Versa
  
2. Things \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Terms, phrases, clauses
  - b. Characters
  - c. Incidents & Circumstances
  - d. Patterns
  - e. New Testament use of Old testament passages
  
3. Things that are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Movement from the general to the specific
  - b. Questions and Answers
  - c. Cause and Effect
  
4. Things that are \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Similes
  - b. Metaphors
  - c. Use of BUT
  - d. Irony
  
5. Things that are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. People/characters
  - b. Situations

## Questions to ask:

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1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

I keep six honest serving-men  
(They taught me all I knew);  
Their names are What and Why and When  
And How and Where and Who.

I send them over land and sea,  
I send them east and west;  
But after they have worked for me,  
I give them all a rest.

I let them rest from nine till five,  
For I am busy then,  
As well as breakfast, lunch, and tea,  
For they are hungry men.

But different folk have different views;  
I know a person small-  
She keeps ten million serving-men,  
Who get no rest at all!

She sends'em abroad on her own affairs,  
From the second she opens her eyes-  
One million Hows, two million Wheres,  
And seven million Whys!

- Rudyard Kipling

How to Study the Bible – Session 2 Observation

<b>Book:</b> Proverbs _____	<b>Passage:</b> Prov 3:1-12 _____	<b>Theme:</b> _____
<b>Author:</b> _____	<b>Time/Era:</b> _____	<b>Audience:</b> _____
<b>Background:</b> See 1 Chr 28:9		

TEXT:	OBSERVATION	INTERPRETATION:
Prov 3:1-12 (ESV)	<b>Who?</b>  <b>Where?</b>  <b>When?</b>  <b>Terms:</b>  <b>Alike/Contrast/Patterns:</b>  <b>What?</b>  <b>Repeated:</b>  <b>Cause &amp; Effect</b>	<b>Questions:</b>
<p><sup>1</sup> My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, <sup>2</sup> for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. <sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, <sup>12</sup> for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.</p>		

## Use for additional observation and notes

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## Conclusion

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- Set your heart \_\_\_\_\_
- Practice observing the text \_\_\_\_\_
- Always consider the \_\_\_\_\_
- Record \_\_\_\_\_

## For Next Week

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- Read Proverbs 3:1-12 using the Ten different approaches
- Complete additional observations of Proverbs 3:1-12
- Record additional questions you have from the passage.

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