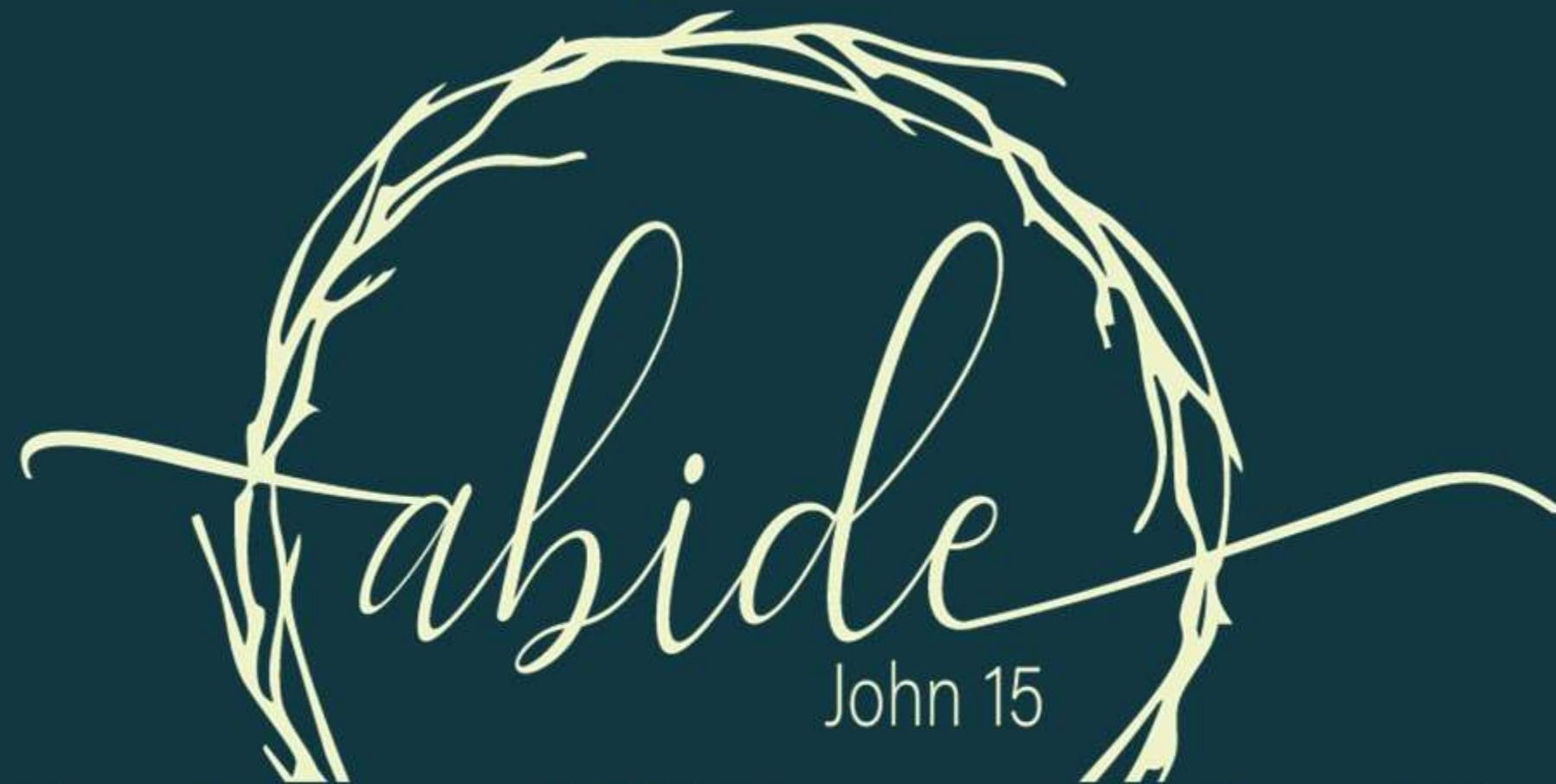


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COMA Bible Study Method

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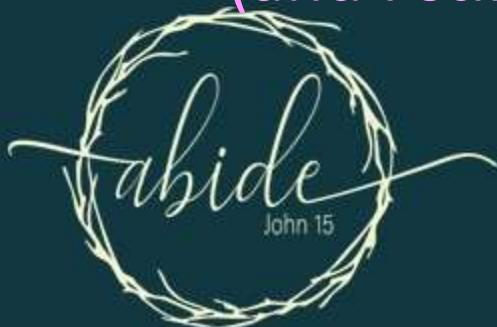
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❖ A Little About Me



- I am married to Mike, since 1995
- We have 2 married children; Matthew (Laura) and Kinsey (Blake)
- We have 5 grandchildren; Asher(12), Ace(10), Atlas(8), Jonah(7) and Evie(23 months)
- I am a retired public-school teacher (30 years)
- By God's Grace we have been in ministry for almost 30 years
(and I still have much to learn, and I still get nervous in front of my peers!)



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❖ Why do we need a Bible Study method?

- Acts 17:10-12

❖ When do I need to use it?

- Daily reading/listening to scripture (No)
- Intentional Scripture Study (YES!)



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COMA

(Let's look at the booklet. The teal pages.)

•Context

What is the background information of this passage?

•Observation

What does this passage say?

•Meaning

How should this passage be rightly understood?

•Application

How should I live out this passage?

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COMA : "C" = CONTEXT (Navy pages)

- What is the background of this passage?
- Context is King. Zoom out for the big picture.
 - Questions to ask...
 - Literary Context
 - How does this passage fit within the structure of the Bible?
 - What is the genre? (law, history, wisdom, narrative, gospels, epistles, prophecy, or apocalyptic)
 - How does the writing of this passage connect to other passages and books of the Bible?
 - Historical Context
 - Who? Whom? Where? When? What? Why? How?
 - What cultural or historical knowledge helps place you within this passage?
 - Biblical Context
 - How does this passage fit within God's story throughout the Bible?
 - What is being emphasized and pointed out in the verses before and after this passage?
 - Where in redemptive history (Creation, Fall, Redemption, New Creation) is this passage

Where to find Context?? A good study Bible, BLB, commentaries, Google

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COMA : "O" = OBSERVATION

- What does this passage say?
- Read the text. Reread the text. Read in other translations.
 - Questions to ask...
 - What is emphasized, along with new or unknown words/phrases, and/or keywords to be identified or defined (repeated words, ideas, phrases, people, places, actions, lists)?
 - What differences, variations, and/or footnotes appear through reading different Bible translations (ESV, CSB, NASB, LSB, NET, NKJV, KJV, etc.)?
 - What about the grammar, sentence structure, and/or chapters/verses, helps provide clarity (original language, conjunctions, transitions, prepositions, verbs, pronouns, etc.)?

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COMA : "M" = MEANING

- How should this passage be rightly understood?
- This is the interpretation step.
 - Questions to ask...
 - What is the plain reading that the human author and original audience would have understood?
 - What truths are taught about the Triune God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), man, biblical metanarrative, etc.?
 - How would you summarize this passage, identify the big idea, and/or check alignment with other Scripture passages?

How would I explain this to an unchurched person?

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COMA : "A" = APPLICATION

- How should I live out this passage?
- Move from learning to living and from hearing to doing.
 - Questions to ask...
 - What Christlike transformation should occur through my thinking, being, doing, and proclaiming?
 - What changes is the Holy Spirit leading me to make, and how should my life be different?
 - Through the theological truths learned, is there a connecting personal or corporate church application?

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COMA – 1 John 2:3-6

•Context

What is the background information of this passage?

•Observation

What does this passage say?

•Meaning

How should this passage be rightly understood?

•Application

How should I live out this passage?

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1 John 2:3-6 esv

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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CONTEXT

What is the background information of this passage?

Literary Context

- Structure of the Bible?
- Genre?
- Writing connections within the Bible?

Historical Context

- Who, whom, where, when, what, why, how?
- Cultural or historical knowledge?

Biblical Context

- Verses before and after?
- Creation, Fall, Redemption, New Creation?



CONTEXT

What is the background information of this passage?

Literary Context

- Letter / Epistle
- Written to believers for assurance of BELIEF

Historical Context

- Written by John the Apostle /disciple
- He wrote the John (4th gospel) and 1,2,3 John and Revelation

Biblical Context

- Redemption –how to live godly lives





OBSERVATION

What does the passage say?

Emphasized

New or unknown
words and phrases
– keywords?

Translation

Translational differences,
variations, and/or
footnotes?

Grammar

Sentence structure –
chapters and verses?



OBSERVATION: *What does the passage say?*

Emphasized

Translation

Grammar

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. (1 John 2:3 ESV)

- *Who is the we?*
- *Who is him / his?*
- *Define Know. Same word?*





MEANING

How should this passage be rightly understood?

Plain Reading

Human author and the
original audience?

Truths

Triune God, Man,
Biblical Metanarrative,
etc.?

Summarize

Big idea – scripture
alignment?



MEANING: How should this passage be rightly understood?

Plain Reading

Truths

Summarize

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. (1 John 2:3 ESV)

- ***1st know means assurance / 100% of my capacity***
- ***2nd know means believe / relationship with Jesus***
- ***Keep means to guard***
- ***If – then statement, but backwards***
- ***Commandments = Matt 22:36-40, Mark 12:29, Luke 10:27***

****John 14:26***





APPLICATION

How should I live out this passage?

Christlike

Transformation

Thinking, being,
doing, and proclaiming
like Christ?

Holy Spirit Led

Life differences
and/or changes?

Theological truths

Personal or corporate
church application?



APPLICATION: How should I live out this passage?

Christlike

Holy Spirit Led

Theological Truths

Transformation

3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. (1 John 2:3 ESV)

- *Self Test.*

Am I being led by the Holy Spirit?

Do I know 100% ?

Not perfect, but am I improving?



OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

Emphasized	Translation	Grammar
	<p>4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. (1 John 2:3-5a ESV)</p>	

- **Opposites. Parallel statements.**
- **Not keep / keep**
- **Define whoever.**
- **What is truth / truly.**
- **Who is him and his?**



MEANING: How should this passage be rightly understood?

Plain Reading

Truths

Summarize

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- *Just because I say it ... doesn't mean it's true.*
- *No truth means I am a liar.*
- *If I keep his word then I truly follow Him.*

opposites



APPLICATION: How should I live out this passage?

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- *Does my life prove I know Him?*
- *Am I walking what I am talking?*



OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

Emphasized

Translation

Grammar

By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 John 2:5b-6 ESV)

- *What is this?*
- *What is know?*
- *Who is we?*
- *Who is him/he?*
- *Define abide.*
- *Define walk.*



MEANING: How should this passage be rightly understood?

Plain Reading

Truths

Summarize

By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 John 2:5b-6 ESV)

- *If I am abiding, I am walking with Him.*
- *I am walking/living just like He did.*
- *This restates verse 3.*



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By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 John 2:5b-6 ESV)

- *Do I walk/love/give/serve like Jesus?*



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Questions & Comments

(If I can do it...You can do it!!)

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COMA – 1 John 5:3-5

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How should I live out this passage?