

**How to Study the Bible  
with Katie Arey  
Week 4  
(APPLICATION)**

## RECAP of the OIA Method

- Observation**: What does it say?
- Interpretation**: What does it mean?
- Application**: How should I change?

## RECAP of Observation

- Observation** is the first step in OIA
- Observation** asks the question, “What does the text say?”
- The goal of **observation** is to take a passage of Scripture and read, reread, notice details, and make note of these details in a step by step manner
- The greatest enemy to **observation** is familiarity

## RECAP of Interpretation

- Interpretation** is the second step in OIA
- Interpretation** asks the question, “What does the text mean?”
- The goal of **interpretation** is to ask and answer questions of the passage and turn those answers into a main point.
- The greatest enemy to **interpretation** is presumption

## Application

- Application** is the third step in OIA
- Application** asks the question, “How should I change?”
- The goal of **application** is to prayerfully consider how you would apply God’s Word to your head, heart, and hands so that you may be changed from the inside out more and more by the power of the Holy Spirit into the image of Christ.

## Knowable Word Chapter 4

From Inertia to Application

*Hearing, Doing, and Changing*

## Why Should Christians Apply the Bible?

- Christian should **apply** to Bible because we know God.
- Christian should **apply** the Bible because we are known by God.
- Christians should **apply** to Bible because we are free from sin’s dominion.
- Christian should **apply** the Bible because... we are Christians!

## **Gospel Motivated Application**

*God offers you your freedom. He knows you better than you know yourself, and he'll make you more useful than you dreamed possible. He wants what's best for you, and he makes his best to be able to you. You have nothing left to prove, so you're free to meet you were wrong, take God at his word, and do your best, by grace, to live his way.*

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## **The Greatest Enemy of Application is Inertia**

-The Challenge of Movement-> Inertia keeps us in the same place, but God wants to move us.

-The Challenge of Redirection-> Inertia keeps us moving in the same direction, but if it's the wrong direction, the Lord wants to turn us toward him.

## **Hearers and Doers**

**22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; **24** for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. **25** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. James 1:22-25

## **Hearers and Doers**

-It is possible to be a hearer of some parts of Scripture and a doer of others

-Lip service is being a hearer

-Repenting and believing the gospel is being a doer

## **The Challenging Art of Producing Change**

-Application is personal

-Application must get specific for our lives to change

## **Two Directions for Application**

-The Great Commitments: How Do I Need to Change?

-The Great Commission: How Does Good Call Me to Influence His World?

## **The Great Commitments: How Do I Need to Change?**

-Love God

-Love others

## **The Great Commission: How Does Good Call Me to Influence His World?**

- Make disciples
  - Internal Change
  - External Influence

### **Two Directions for Application**

*The Great Commandments and the Great Commission show two “directions” in which we can apply any passage of the Bible: inward and outward. We can become a more Christlike people with greater love for God and people (inward) and we can become more Christlike people with greater influence in the world (outward). The Bible produces change both in us and around us. Page 117-118*

## **Knowable Word Chapter 5**

### **Head, Heart, Hands**

Three Spheres of Change

### **Head, Heart, Hands**

- Our **head** represents everything we think and believe
- Our **heart** represents who we are
- Our **hands** represent everything we do

### **Apply the Bible to Your Head**

- Inward application-> How does this passage change the way I think about God?
- Outward application-> How does this passage change the way I think about others?

### **Apply the Bible to Your Heart**

- Inward application-> How does this passage mold my heart to love God more?
- Outward application-> How does this passage mold my heart to love others more?

### **Apply the Bible to Your Hands**

- Inward application-> How does this passage encourage me to serve God?
- Outward application-> How does this passage encourage me to serve others?

## **Remember Jesus in Your Application**

**8** Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, **9** for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. **10** Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 2 Timothy 2:8-10

## **Remember Jesus in Your Application**

- We sadly have a tendency to forget Jesus, even as Christians
- After being Christians for a while, we can slip into the pattern of relying more on discipline than on Jesus
- The Bible goes from being a book of hope to a list of rules

## **Remember Jesus in Your Application**

- Interpretation** connects the passage *to* Jesus, but...
- Application** must derive *from* Jesus and his saving work
- Remembering Jesus will strengthen our hearts to action
- Nothing motivates like grace
- We must rest in Jesus' death in our place and His obedience on our behalf

## **Be Specific in Your Application**

- Know your next steps
- Make your progress measurable
- Put off and put on
- Don't be lame

## **More Direction For Application...**

- Ask yourself, "What are my initial thoughts on applying this passage of Scripture to my life?"
- Can you turn the passage into a question(s) of yourself?  
Ie The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)  
Question; Is the Lord really my Shepherd? Am I content in Him?
- Pray the Word

## **Homework**

Read Chapter 4

*Optional:* Complete the "Your Turn" parts on pages 109, 114 & 119

Read Chapter 5

*Optional:* Complete the "Your Turn" parts on pages 123, 125, 127, 130, 133, 136 & 139

## Every Word Collective Application Chart

**What are my initial thoughts on applying this passage of Scripture to my life?**

**How does this passage change what I think about God?**

**How does this passage change what I think about others?**

**How does this passage mold my heart to love God more?**

**How does this passage mold my heart to love others more?**

**How does this passage encourage me to serve God?**

**How does this passage encourage me to serve others?**

**Questions to turn and ask of myself:**

**Pray the Word:**

## Every Word Collective Application Chart (Genesis 1)

### What are my initial thoughts on applying this passage of Scripture to my life?

I see the Lord as Creator of all things, even me. This automatically gives Him authority over all creation, even me.

### How does this passage change what I think about God?

In this passage I see God as Creator and Sustainer, but also Caretaker. He provides every creature what they need to survive AND thrive.

### How does this passage change what I think about others?

God created every person in His image with purpose. Yes they have dignity and worth and value, but they also have a purpose, to image God and also fill the earth and subdue it.

### How does this passage mold my heart to love God more?

This passage brings my heart to a place of being more in awe of God and His power and the way He takes care of His creation. I see He made the Heavens and the Earth, but also me, to have a relationship with Him. This leaves me in awe.

### How does this passage mold my heart to love others more?

I think people out in the world have lost their sense of being created in the Image of God and therefore have lost their sense of purpose. This passage softens my heart towards their wandering and exhorts me to encourage them that God made them on purpose with a purpose.

### How does this passage encourage me to serve God?

I see this passage as an exhortation to submit to God and His authority and to serve Him in general because of what He did in creating the world. If He created the world, then He is in charge. What He says, I am to obey. Where He leads, I am to follow. Specifically, He is calling me to serve Him as a wife and mom with a changed mindset-> He created my husband & children intricately with a purpose, as well, and I can be on the frontlines as an encourager of their value and purpose!

### How does this passage encourage me to serve others?

This passage encourages me to share with people that they have a purpose even when they may feel like they don't have one. It encourages me to speak this truth over my children, that they are created in the Image of God and that He has a purpose for their life, to image Him in all they do. I can look for opportunities to share this truth with my family, friends, neighbors, even strangers as I go about my day.

### Questions to turn and ask of myself:

Am I allowing God to have His rightful place of authority in my life as my Creator and Sustainer? Am I walking in my purpose in God's sustaining power or my own (or lack there of)? When people look at me, do they see my Creator? When I look at others, do I see their Creator?

### Pray the Word:

God, you are the Creator and Sustainer of all things, even me. You deserve every ounce of my worship and adoration for creating this intricate world. You created the Heavens and the Earth, but know me so deeply and love me despite me falling short of your glory. Forgive me for forgetting that you are my Creator, Sustainer, and Caretaker at times. Thank you for creating me and giving me life and giving me purpose. I pray I would image you well and bring you glory in this world.