Application is the most needed stage in the process. We have learned that we don’t start with what does this mean, but rather, what does this say. Observation plus Interpretation without Application equals nothing.

The bible was not written to satisfy our curiosity; It was written to transform our lives.

Titus 1:1 - Paul describes scripture as truth that leads to godliness.

*Five things that happen when we fail to apply scriptures:*

1. We substitute interpretation for application.

To know and not to do is not to know at all.

1. We substitute superficial obedience for substantive life-change.

We apply biblical truth to areas where we’re already applying it; not to new areas where we’re not applying it. Results no noticeable change in our lives.

1. We substitute rationalization for repentance.

The moment truth gets to close, too convicting, an alarm goes off and we start to defend ourselves. Rationalism sin instead of repeating of it.

1. We substitute an emotional experience for a volitional decision.

We emote under impact but we make no real change. If all we do is water our handkerchief and sob a few mournful prayers then go merrily on our way without altering our behavior it boils down to nothing.

1. We substitute communication for transformation.

We talk but we don’t walk.

*Four Steps of Application*

1. Know
2. Know Text
3. Know Yourself
4. Relate
5. Meditate
6. Practice