

INTERPRETATION WORKSHEET

Passage: _____

WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN (Overview)

- *What is the theme or main idea?*
- *What is context (be sure to read the verses or chapter that precede and succeed the passage)*
- *What do commentaries, cross references, lexicons and/or dictionaries say)*
 - *Cross references let Scripture interpret Scripture*
 - *Word studies help understand meanings*
 - *Context – keeps meanings in the proper context of culture, history, events, etc.*
- *What is the cultural meaning in the time it was written?*

What is the theme or main idea of the passage?

What does it mean culturally? Historically? Contextually?

What are the main principles you learn from the text? (Asking the when, where and why are critical in this step). Remember, interpretations flows from accurate observation.

Is your interpretation consistent with the theme, purpose and structure of the Book you're studying and Scripture as a whole?

What do study Bibles, commentaries, cross references, lexicons, dictionaries or other material say? How do they add to your interpretation and understanding of the text?
