



1

Grasping The Original Context

Pray - Psalm 119:18: *“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.”*

Read the passage two times

Grasp the passage in its original context

Who is the author?

Who is the audience?

Describe the historical/cultural context. What was life like in Corinth? What was happening within the Corinthian church?

What is Paul’s main purpose for writing 1 Corinthians?

Read the passage and surrounding paragraphs slowly. Look for details. Write down important connections.

What is the main point of the paragraph that comes before this passage, the main point of this passage, and the main point of the paragraph that comes right after this passage? How do these paragraphs link together?

What did this passage mean to the first-century audience?

What are the differences between the biblical audience and us?

2

Grasping The Main Point

Grasp the main theological principle

What is the main point of this text?

How does this main point connect with the main purpose of writing 1 Corinthians?

Observe the text. Does Paul state any other principles, promises, or commands in the passage? (ex. Eph. 6:1: “Children obey your parents in the Lord”). How do these other teachings connect with the main point of the passage?

How would the church of first century Corinth apply this main point to their lives?

Questions to check the main point

1. Is this main point reflected in the biblical text?
2. Is the main point true at all times, for all people, everywhere, or, is it tied to the specific situation in Corinth?
3. Is the main point consistent with the teaching of the rest of scripture?
4. Is the main point relevant to both the biblical and the contemporary audience?

3

Applying The Passage To Us

How should we as believers apply the main point of this passage in our lives today?