



The Bible Glasses

The Blue Glasses: First Impressions

Since blue is associated with a cool distance (the sky is blue, the ocean is blue, etc.), when we wear these glasses we will look at our first impressions of the passage.

- What is your initial reaction to the passage?
- What questions do you have that you don't understand?
- What needs to happen for you to be able to understand this passage?

The Red Glasses: Emotion and Tone

Red is often seen as an emotional colour (fire, hearts, etc.) While wearing these glasses we will look at the emotion and tone of the passage, both what is expressed and what are the reactions.

- How do you think the writer felt when he wrote this?
- How do you think the original readers felt when they first read it?
- How do you feel when you read the passage?
- What soundtrack would you have to this passage?

The Black Glasses: The Background

Black is a fixed colour, in fact it is not really a colour at all! There are no shades of black, it is just black and you can't change it. So, while wearing these glasses we will look at what is fixed when the passage was written, namely the background.

- History: what is happening to the people of God at this point of time? Are there any key historical events that effect this passage?
- Context: what has happened so far in the book that effects this passage?
- Author: Do you know the author? Are there things in their background that effect this passage?
- Are there any other passages of the Bible that are alluded to or quoted that would help?

The White Glasses: Form and Structure

Like black, white is not really a colour, but it is associated with being clinical (lab coats are generally white). Here is where will do most of our work.

- Genre: What sort of literature is this? How should we read it?
- Flow and Structure: How has the writer put things together to communicate his point?
- Main Point: what is the main point of what he is trying to communicate? (important to answer this question!)

The Yellow Glasses: Pointing to Jesus

Yellow is often associated as a "happy" colour (the sun is shining, the daffodils are out). Because it is a happy colour we are going to associate it with Jesus. While wearing these glasses we are going to look how this passage points to Jesus and the overall message of the Bible.

- How does this passage help me understand the book in which it is found?
- How does this passage help me understand the larger story of the Bible?
- How does this passage help me understand and love Jesus more?

The Green Glasses: Growth

Green is a colour that represents growth (think of the trees, plants, grass, etc.). While wearing these glasses we will look at how we can grow from this passage.

- It might be that we need to change our head (what we think)
- It might be that we need to change our heart (e.g. that we need to be reminded of something)
- It might be that we need to change our hands (what we do)
- It might be something that will help you talk to others about Jesus