

## Review

- What is Hermeneutics?

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- What Does it Mean that Scripture is Eternally Relevant?

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- What Does it Mean that Scripture is Historically Particular?

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- What is a Hermeneutic of Trust?

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## What is Exegesis?

### Definition

- The Origin of the Word Exegesis
  - Definition: “to \_\_\_\_\_ or lead \_\_\_\_\_ something.”
    - In exegesis, we let the text lead us.
  - Exegesis is “...the careful \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ analysis of a text.” – Michael Gorman
    - First, we uphold the \_\_\_\_\_ integrity of the text
    - Second, we uphold the \_\_\_\_\_ integrity of the text
    - Third, we faithfully mediate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the text.

## What is Literary Context/Analysis?

- “Essentially, literary context means first that words only have meaning in sentences, and second, that biblical sentences for the most part only have clear meaning in relation to preceding and succeeding sentences...” – Fee and Stuart
  - To understand the literary characteristics of a text is to consider the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of that text.
    - To understand what Scripture means, according to Kevin Vanhoozer, we must take the text “...in all its literary integrity as a complex written communication.”
- The Literary and Historical contexts are necessarily linked to one another.

- Historical context analyzes the \_\_\_\_\_ while literary context analyzes the \_\_\_\_\_.

### ***The Centerpiece of Literary Context/Analysis – Genre***

- **Genre is the category, or “kinds of communication” utilized by authors to characterize literature.**
  - Within genre, we are constantly seeking cues that indicate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and how it is to be understood.
    - First, Historical \_\_\_\_\_
      - What does it tell us about the text?
        - When you read a narrative, you are essentially stepping into a progression of events that God deemed worthy to present in his Word; that narrative contributes to the whole of His Word.
    - Second, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
      - What does it tell us about the text?
        - It serves to function as emblematic of God’s faithfulness, control, dominion, and provision
    - Third, \_\_\_\_\_
      - What does it tell us about the text?
        - Helps us see that God cares that he is rightly worshipped, and he cares about how we remain in right relation to one another.
    - Fourth, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
      - What does it tell us about the text?
        - These seek to identify what is true about God and set it in contrast with what is true about the world
    - Fifth, \_\_\_\_\_
      - What does it tell us about the text?
        - We must try to understand why the author believes the circumstances to be a problem, why he recommends particular solutions
    - Sixth, \_\_\_\_\_
      - What does it tell us about the text?
        - We see in these occurrences a wonderful, mighty God, who has planned out and determined the fate of the cosmos, and he has mediated that future hope to us