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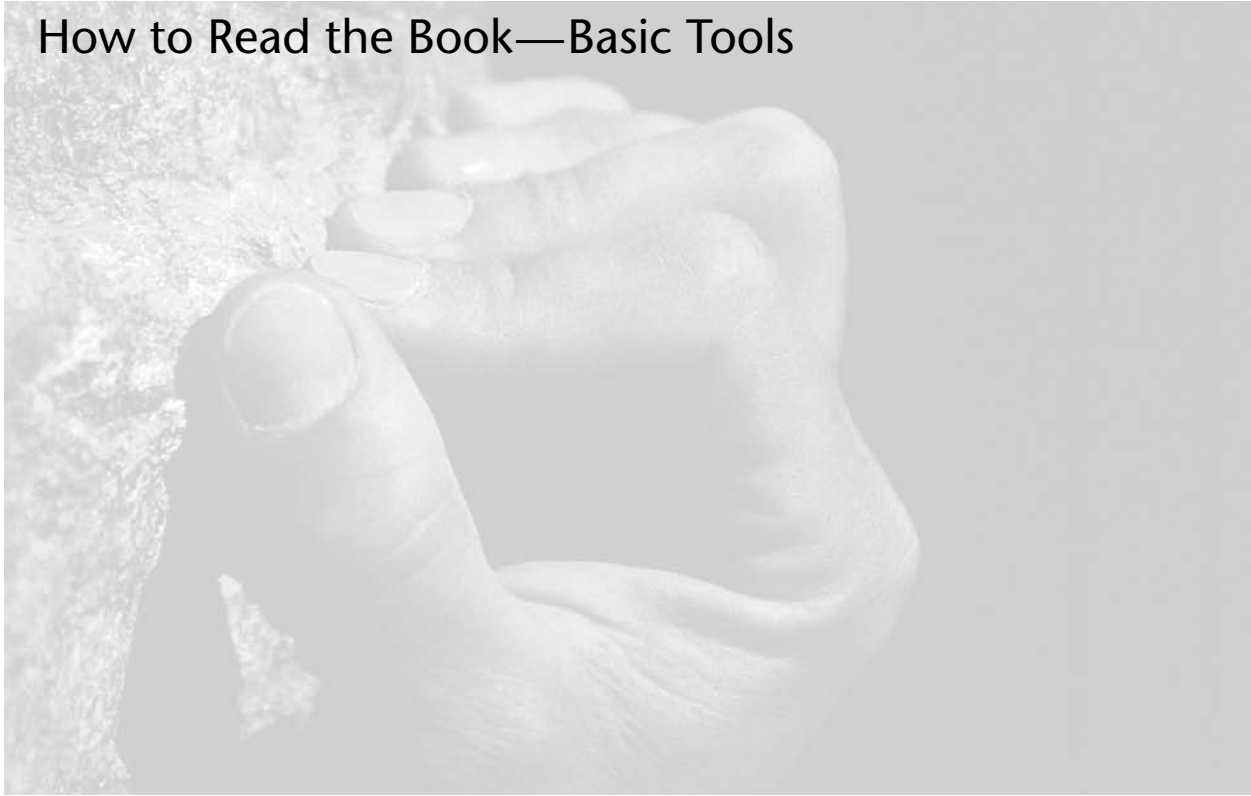
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Part 1

How to Read the Book—Basic Tools



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The Interpretive Journey

Name _____ Date _____

Assignment 1-1

Describe the four steps of the Interpretive Journey.

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4:

Assignment 1-2

What are the guidelines for developing theological principles?

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

Assignment 1-3

What are the differences that determine the width of the river to cross?

Name _____ Date _____

Assignment 2-1

Find a *minimum* of thirty observations in Acts 1:8. List them below. Avoid making interpretations or applications at this stage. That is, stay with observations. For example, an observation would be to note that the passage starts off with the conjunction “but.” This conjunction connects the sentence to the one above it in a contrasting way. If, however, you were to note that the Holy Spirit empowers us for evangelism, that observation falls into the category of interpretation or application. Do not enter into the interpretation or application phase yet. Limit all thirty of your observations to the details and not to the interpretation of the details. Work hard! Dig deep! Read and reread the passage. Do not quit until you have found at least thirty observations. Try to find more than thirty. Happy hunting!

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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Extra 1.

Extra 2.

Extra 3.

Extra 4.

Use another sheet of paper if you have more.

Assignment 2-2

Make as many observations as you can on 1 John 1:5–7. Follow the format presented for Romans 12:1–2 in Chapter 2 of the textbook. Dig deep! Think hard. Spend time on this. Mark dozens and dozens of observations. Read and reread! Look again! Observe! Observe! Observe!

⁵This is the message that we have heard from him

and declare to you: God is light;

in him there is no darkness at all.

⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him

yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Assignment 2-3

Make as many observations as you can on Deuteronomy 6:4–6. Follow the format presented for Romans 12:1–2 in Chapter 2 of the textbook.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart

and with all your soul and with all your strength.

⁶These commandments that I give you today

are to be upon your hearts.