



DIFFICULT NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGES

LESSON 2: Paul's Prescriptions for the Church

ANCHOR STATEMENT: All Scripture is profitable for teaching and is most beneficial when the context is understood.

MAIN PASSAGE: Matthew 1:18-25, 28:1-10

5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. 9 And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW: That determining the context of a verse or passage in Scripture will bring about a deeper understanding of God's truth.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: Grow in their ability to read the Bible, understanding that Paul's letters are better understood in their proper context. Once understood in their context, these letters are very beneficial to our walk with God today.