

Command Words – draw a box

Cause and Effect – draw arrow

**5. List Key Questions, i.e. (Leads to Interpretation)**

Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How



Extra Credit

🔑 **Key Number Two: Interpretation**

(What Does it Mean? )

1. Define Key Words with a concordance.
2. Do a background Study of the Book.
3. Write out text using your own words.
4. What other texts relate to this passage?

Places to Look:

[www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org)

[www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)

[www.biblehub.com](http://www.biblehub.com)

[www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)

***Lesson 5: Interpreting the New Testament Epistles***

**Worksheet**

## Key Number One: Observation (What does it say?)

### 1. Read the Text Several Times

Practice Text: Ephesians 4:17-24

<sup>17</sup> So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

<sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. <sup>19</sup> Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

<sup>20</sup> That, however, is not the way of life you learned <sup>21</sup> when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

<sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

<sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

<sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

### 2. Create a Sentence and Paragraph structure

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### 3. Identify Key Phrase - double underline

### 4. Identify Key Words

Link Words – underline

Key Words – circle