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Questions

1. What are the two different types of context Fee claims is necessary to look at in order to properly interpret a bible passage?
2. What three important tools does Fee provide for helpful biblical exegesis?
3. What is the first reason given as to why it is important to properly interpret the Bible?
4. Why is it important to read different translations of the bible?
5. For the New Testament, what was the best source of external evidence and how was it significant?

Answers

1. *The two different contexts Fee gives is historical context and literary context.*
2. *The three important tools that the author brings up are, "a good translation, a good Bible dictionary, and good commentaries."*
3. *The first reason given by Fee is that people are natural interpreters and will connect with the scriptures through their own personal lenses. This can cause an issue where the reader is misinterpreting the text. Therefore, when properly interpreting the text, the reader is understanding the Holy spirit's and author's original purpose and meaning behind their words.*
4. *It is important to read different translations of the bible in order to see the different interpretations of the original text. Some translations are better than others and are closer to the authors original meeting. When you read multiple translations, you are able to compare and contrast them and get closer to the author's original content.*
5. *In regards to the New Testament, one of the best sources of external evidence came from Egypt. This is significant because Egypt's copying system was one of the strongest which means that the original work was preserved and less tampered.*

I. TERMS

- **Historical Content:** According to the text, historical context included looking at the following, *"the time and culture of the author and audience, that is, the geographical, topographical, and political factors that are relevant to the author's setting; and the historical occasion of the book, letter, psalm, prophetic oracle, or other genre. All such matters are especially important for understanding."*
- **Functional Equivalence:** is the relevant information regarding audience, geographic location, landscape, and historical climate.

- **External Evidence: refers to the age of biblical manuscripts and its quality.**

SUMMARY

Chapter one of *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* by Gordon D. Fee; Douglas Stuart discusses the importance of interpretation. The author breaks down the reasoning of why it is necessary to interpret the Bible and how to interpret it in a way that we are properly understanding the Holy Spirit and the original writer's intent behind the passage. In the following chapter, the author goes on by putting the practice of interpretation into practice. The author explains the importance of reading the different translations.

