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Summary and Reflection - Week 1

I feel that there were similarities of the authors as they expressed that the bible is a way of communication and also being able to understand the scripture and discerning its true meaning. It's not really meant to be read and say, "I read the bible". It's a matter of wanting and having the desire of what it means and in doing so you can experience its true meaning. The scripture is filled with history, laws, prophecy, poetry, and other insights as well. As I mentioned previously about communication through it, we can connect with God and understand more its context of His word. In both chapters of the authors, they mentioned the languages and different interpretations of the bible that are written some of the languages and interpretations mentioned were Jewish, Greek, and Hebrew. And because there are different interpretations of the bible its recommended to have other sources to help better understand the biblical texts as some words may have different meanings. I learned that when reading or studying the bible asking certain questions that G. Fee and D. Stuart recommends asking as you read the bible. The other author as well M. Z. Brettler also mentions that as you read the bible with so much interest it should allow you to approach the reading with questions about the text and in doing this it allows you to appreciate it in a new way. Another similarity that I saw in the authors was how they mentioned the historical content G. Fee and D. Stuart called it "The Historical Context" and M. Z. Brettler calls it "The Historical-Critical Method" where in each book the time and location is different and there are different authors of each book.

How these two authors treat the bible and what does it mean to G. Fee and D. Stuart I feel that they treat the bible with seriousness on their approach in understanding the bible and the true meaning of it. For them they use a method called “exegesis” which means how the critical explanation or interpretation of a text from the bible. Their aim is to have the individual discover and learn the intended meaning of the scripture. For the other author M. Z. Brettler I feel that how he treats the bible and what it means to him is also a serious approach to it as he feels that in understanding the bible not only does it allows us to understand the scripture, but it also allows us to understand ourselves a bit more as we’re able to understand the many different voices that wrote the bible and their experiences. He feels that in reading the bible it is a “privilege” as he mentions and that in reading it should be read with “special rules”. Also, in relating to the history as there were many people that faced circumstances or situations that occurred many years ago and how people got through those moments back in time. He feels that in taking the time to learn the bible and it’s scripture we can also learn to appreciate the history that is written in it.