

Final Exegesis Paper/Project Proposal

- a. For my finals project I'll be doing a creative PowerPoint presentation. This presentation will be focusing on Philippians 1:27-30, 2:1-2.
- b. This passage of scripture has two main themes that I'll be focusing on, unity and suffering. Paul is empathizing with the Philippians about suffering while also calling them to not let their suffering divide them. I'll be exploring how the historical context and how the grammar communicate important information about what was happening between Paul and the Philippians and explore what Paul was trying to say to them. Then I'll end by discussing how we can take what Paul is saying and consider what he is saying for our own lives.
- c. The target audience would be a bible study for my church. It could be for a series on suffering or could even go into our unfiltered series where we discuss topics to help people ask the tough questions. Suffering is a topic that can be challenging as a church to discuss. While believers know we will go through suffering sometimes we still have a challenging time processing why these things happen and what to do when they happen. My goal is to take time looking into the original language and context to further investigate what Paul was communicating to the Philippians to better understand what this means for us now.
- d. Reading through this passage I would have personally never been able to know the historical context or understand the importance of the original language. By diving into both of those subjects and having further investigation of the passage to better understand what Paul was saying to the Philippians so that we can then understand how this relates to our own suffering helps us to allow the Bible to relate to us. It makes us understand how our God speaks to us now through His word. It makes me take the skills of researching and analysis and help them to exegete the passage to impact my life and others.
- e. One of my favorite books this semester has been the commentary by Moises Silva, and I know that will be one of my sources for this project. I've also been reading through *How to Read the Bible for all its Worth*, and I know that there is a section on Philippians that I love in that book. While it sometimes is not as easy to understand I also know that the commentary by Hawthorne and Martin will be an important resource as well.

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