



**Session 4.2**  
**How To Research And Interpret A Text In Context**

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**FATHER'S DAY**

"A CALL TO COMMITMENT"

Make-up your mind - As for me & my house!!

Heavy said incumbent on fathers to all this... that follows God.

**Joshua 24:14-15**

Not-ASK SATAN of John 10:10 Desires to destroy your home - destroy your family - seeking who or the stability faithful may choose.

**14 Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in truth:**

**and put away the gods which your fathers**

**served on the other side of the flood,**

**and in Egypt;**

**and serve ye the LORD.**

Used to times in 2 vers = A single thought.

Obviously - still around or else - wouldn't have said this

Too many want to try and serve 2 masters Luke 16:13

Until you get tired of - Being out of fellow ship w/ God - Seeing your children bow at feet of idols - watching your life unravel

You can make demands all day - won't do any good - until ppl DECIDE

**15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD...**

**choose you this day whom ye will serve:**

As Seventh Day Baptists - we don't like the word "Decision"

God NOT going to choose for you - Not going to force you

Also formulated as - grievous / -worse / -displeas

Today - make this decision. Tomorrow - never comes. Don't start tomorrow - or you'll never start.

**whether the gods which your fathers served**

**that were on the other side of the flood,**

**or the gods of the Amorites,**

**in whose land ye dwell:**

Not American - Salvation is more than a mental decision. Life changing encounter w/ God - but life is full of choices.

Whatever gods you

Keep up family traditions or break if you can be the father that breaks the mold in your family - That turns your family to God. This is my house. This is what we are going to do!!

DECLARATION

**but as for me and my house,**

**we will serve the LORD.**

Did not ask wife Did not ask children

I've already made up my mind I've already decided what we are going to do - I haven't asked based my God.

Do what you want - in your house BUT - in my house WE are going to serve

15 16 - Design Disposition

decision on what path any gods to do - As for me - !!



John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

- ① For, ties together this verse w/ last.
- ② Subject of verse is God
- ③ Action of verse is what God has done
- ④ What has He done? He gave
- ⑤ Who did He give? His Son
- ⑥ Which Son? His only Son
- ⑦ Is there anything unique about this Son? God's only begotten son?
- ⑧ What does that mean - only Begotten?
- ⑨ What compelled God to do this? He loved
- ⑩ Who did He love? The world
- ⑪ What world? Planet earth? All of humanity? Angelic world?
- ⑫ What benefit did this "world" receive? Life
- ⑬ What kind of life? Everlasting
- ⑭ What does "everlasting life" mean? Will they not die? Ever?
- ⑮ What must this world do to have this everlasting life? Believe
- ⑯ Believe what? in Him
- ⑰ Who is Him? The only begotten Son.
- ⑱ What does it mean to "believe" in Him?
- ⑲ Is this open to anyone? - whosoever

- (20) What does it mean that they will never perish?
- (21) How do we measure this love? God "so" loved.
- (22) When did God do this?
- (23) How did it affect God to do this?
- (24) How did it affect the Son? What did it cost?
- (25) How does the "act of believing on Him" happen?
- (26) When did this love begin?
- (27) Have you believed? - What have you believed?
- (28) What does it cost the person to believe in Him?
- (29) When will these ppl begin to experience this "everlasting life"?
- (30) What prompted Jesus to say these words?
- (31) Who was He speaking to?
- (32) What effect did it have on His hearers?
- (33) Why do we see this verse plastered in the End Zone of football games?
- (34) Why not John 3:15 or 3:17? Why John 3:16?
- (35) What happens to those who do not believe?
- (36) Is there any such thing as "everlasting death"?
- (37) Have I believed in Him?
- (38) What affect has it had on me?
- (39) If God gave His Son, what have we given?
- (40) What does this verse mean to you personally?