

Ideas for Application

The following are questions that will aid in application of Scripture. We don't want to become just catalogues of information, but live out our knowledge. Before obtaining more information, we might ask these questions about the previous time in the Word:

- **What was the previous Bible passage I read or heard about?** Time has passed. Review is helpful and necessary. Obedience is always more likely if we remember the point.
- **Why was it important?** Moving us from facts to assessing the value and relevance of the facts. We are unlikely to respond to something we consider unimportant.
- **What was the point of the passage?** Focus is added to application. Multiple points are sometimes distracting to application.
- **What did God expect me to think or do as a result?** This makes application personal and points out responsibility for obedience.
- **Did I do it?** Checking on obedience. Did I follow through on any promises I made to God?
- **If not, what will I do this week to take steps toward obedience?** This is a hope-filled question that changes our focus from the past to opportunities ahead.

How could asking these question help you take application more seriously? How would they change the way you do Bible study? What questions would you add to this list? Which of these questions do you habitually ignore? What else can you do to improve your application of Bible information? Who might you ask these questions of to help them in becoming a disciple?