

# Handout: How to Read the Bible, Part II

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## Learn by Doing: The Epistle of Jude

1. Read through the whole book.
  - a) Identify one or more verses that provide the interpretive key to the message of the book.
  
  - b) In one sentence, summarize the main message of the book of Jude.
  
  - c) Identify any questions you have about the text. Make a note of what kind of resources you could use to find answers to your questions.
  
2. Intended audience:
  - a) Who is the intended audience and how do you know? Try to estimate the relative date of composition for this book.

b) Now that you know the intended audience, what implications does this have for the application of Jude's message to our own lives?

3. Intertextual knowledge:

a) Jude assumes that his audience knows certain things (how do you know?). What biblical and extra-biblical texts does Jude expect his audience to be familiar with?

b) What levels of Jude's meaning are illuminated by knowing well those other texts?

4. Christ-centered reading:

a) What does Jude have to say about Jesus Christ?

b) Is there anything else that you could say about the book of Jude in relation to our Lord? If so, what other passages of Scripture could you connect to the point you are making?

5. Imagine you are preparing a series of Bible studies. Read through the book again and determine whether you would prefer to break up the text into 2, 3, or 4 portions (or any number above 1). Identify the boundaries for your sections and for each one provide a one sentence summary for the message of that section.