

Here is some Pre-Reading to do before Session Seven

Session 7 - Application: What Must I Do With This?

Main Thought

Bible study is incomplete until we respond to what God has said.

Application asks how the truth of the passage should shape our faith, thoughts, desires, choices, words, and actions.

This does not mean rushing to ask, "What does this mean for me?" before we have observed, considered context, interpreted carefully, and noticed the kind of writing we are reading. Application comes after careful listening.

A simple way to ask it is: "Lord, what should I believe, obey, confess, trust, pray, give thanks for, or change because of Your Word?"

A Word of Encouragement

Application is not about proving your worth to God. We respond because God has spoken, Christ has redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit helps us walk in truth.

Sometimes application is a large step of obedience. Often it is a small, honest step: pray differently, confess sin, forgive someone, speak truthfully, give thanks, trust a promise, or return to the Lord instead of hiding.

Do not despise a small faithful response. The aim is not to sound impressive. The aim is to hear the Word and take the next faithful step.

A Few Simple Application Questions

After you have read carefully, ask:

- Is there a truth about God, Christ, the gospel, or myself that I need to believe?
- Is there a sin, attitude, fear, or habit I need to confess or turn from?
- Is there a command to obey, a promise to trust, or a warning to take seriously?
- Is there an example to learn from, or a prayer I can make my own?
- What is one small, specific step of obedience I can take this week?

Please Read These Passages Before Session Seven

1. **James 1:22-25**

As you read, simply notice:

- The difference between hearing the Word and doing the Word.
- The picture of the mirror.
- What blessing is connected with continuing in the Word.

2. **Matthew 7:24-27**

As you read, simply notice: What both men hear.

- What makes the wise man different from the foolish man.
- How obedience is connected to building on the right foundation.

3. **Luke 10:25-37**

As you read, simply notice:

- What question is asked at the beginning.
- How Jesus answers through the parable.
- What Jesus tells the man to do at the end.

4. **Romans 12:1-2**

As you read, simply notice:

- What Paul urges believers to do in view of God's mercies.
- What should not shape us.
- How the renewing of the mind connects with living before God.

5. **Philippians 4:8-9**

As you read, simply notice:

- What believers are told to meditate on.
- What Paul says to practise.
- How thinking and doing both matter in faithful application.

One Simple Thing to Bring next time we catch up.

Before Session Seven, read James 1:22-25 one more time and write one sentence in response to this:

One way I need to respond to God's Word this week is...

It does not need to be dramatic. Keep it honest, small, and specific.

Closing Thought

Good application is not rushed, vague, or self-centred. It grows out of careful listening to what God has said.

The goal is simple: hear the Word, understand it faithfully, and respond with trust and obedience. The Lord is patient with His people, and He helps us take the next faithful step.