**Workshop 6 Homework:**

**Day 1**

Based on your OWN work, and your understanding of Paul’s primary message (Main Idea) of the whole Letter to the Colossians…

How would this message apply in the world at large? (**My worldview should say…)**

How does this message apply to your own life? (**My life should reflect this, here, and this way…)**

Be specific in both answers and add both to the **Epistle Summary Worksheet**

**Day 2**

**Using your Study Bible** read the Letter to the Colossians, including the introductory material.

Does the introductory material support the conclusions you’ve drawn and/or include the research you did? Review and adjust your Epistle Summary as needed.

Do you think it would have been just as effective for you to have skipped your own exegetical work and just read this material? What would you do more/less of in your own study next time?

**Day 3**

**Using your Study Bible**, review a few of your cross-references for the Letter to the Colossians. Record those that seem particularly enlightening or useful…or those that you had been hearing the Spirit whisper in your ear all along!

Here is where you will discover if you have the best Study Bible ***for you***. Do the cross- referenced passages answer, clarify, support, help… or not?

If not, consider what you would be looking for instead and begin to search for a Study Bible that will supply that.

**Day 4**

**Consult a commentary or your Bible’s tools (footnotes) to check your conclusions and for cracking your coconuts!**

Again, here is where you will discover if you have the best Study Bible ***for you***. Do the footnotes (commentary) answer, clarify, support, help… or not?

If not, consider what you would be looking for instead and begin to search for a Study Bible that will supply that.

If you find that your Study Bible is not helpful here, refer to BLB for many excellent and trustworthy commentaries. My personal favorite there is Matthew Henry, but his language is difficult and some of his views decidedly of his own age and time!! His notes are also very application focused and work from verse-to-verse, rather than from the “whole”. Try several until you find one you like, and/or begin to look for others. The NIV has an excellent Commentary series for each book of the Bible and Zondervan has many other resources if you want to build a physical library. Ask for suggestions from people you respect!

**Cont…**

**Day 5**

Put your binder in order, or compile an orderly file just for your study notes of Colossians for referencing later. (You did all this work; you should keep it!!!)

Consider how you are feeling right now. How do you feel about your ability to do this on your own? How do you feel about what you accomplished? How do you feel about this book? How do you feel about Jesus? Just take some time to sit and contemplate and then journal your thoughts.

It might be a good opportunity to give thanks to the Spirit for all His help!

You have been a treasure to me! Thank you for your perseverance, your determination, and your faithful attendance. You honor the Lord in your desire to know Him more fully and to be a workman approved to rightly handle His word.

**Until next time…!!**