**Exegesis Structure and Note Taking**

**Background**

**Authorship**

* Who wrote the book?
* Are there questions over the authorship?

**Occasion (priority in Part 1)**

* Who are the recipients and what is their relationship to author?
* What is the reason for writing or the situation being addressed?
  + What were the issues or situation that the book is addressing?
  + What were the cultural issues (if any) that were informing the issue?
  + How were the recipients being challenged?

**Literary context (priority in Part 1)**

* Summarise the book’s argument leading up to your passage
* How does your section fit within the overall structure/argument of the section?

**Passage (priority in Part 1)**

* Divide the passage into its specific sections, NOT verse by verse
* Analyse each section in turn
* What is the basic message/theme of the whole passage?
* What is the author’s primary point?

**Application**

How does this primary point apply today?

**Note Taking for Biblical Research**

* Research
  + Short commentary first
  + Then longer commentaries
  + Journal articles for specific discussion
  + Look for additional literature
    - What are the major themes common in all the research?
    - What is generally agreed and what is debated?
    - What is the most important information to draw out?
* Note taking
  + Summary notes in your own words (cited/multiple citation)
  + “cut and paste/direct citation” (cited/multiple citation)
  + Reflection notes (what are some common themes/ideas emerging from research?)