Q. I am having difficulty with the compare/contrast section of the CRA assignment. How do I identify Nunally’s principles in order to compare and contrast those principles with the principles advocated by Fee and Stuart?

A. The article by Wave Nunally “Hermeneutics and Interpreting Acts: A Pentecostal Perspective” should be in your student packet (called Essential Course Materials at the end of the IST in newer versions of the course). While it is true that the article covers many issues relating to this theme, the principles are both alluded to and clearly stated in the article. What might be the most helpful to most students in the compare/contrast section of the assignment is to note items, 5, 6, and 7 under the section titled “An Introduction to Contemporary Hermeneutical and Theological Issues”. Pay attention to not just the initial paragraph on each number but the entire discussion following each number. Also, please note that on item # 6, Nunnally specifically asks the question “If we are to derive theology and practice from historical narrative... what are the appropriate methods for doing so?” In this case, methods is a synonym for principles. In other portions of the article, Nunnally refers to background information and other factual information that he believes supports the principles he is advocating. These can also be used in the student’s response if the student so desires. Please remember that the student assignment should be expressed in the student’s own words and when quoting or paraphrasing from Nunally’s article or other sources, appropriate documentation must be done according to the GU Undergraduate Form and Style Guide.