Christian Scriptures II: Examining Literary Issues

Find this information in:
- Introductions to the New Testament (see sources listed in Exegesis Guidelines)
- Bible Dictionaries
- Bible Commentaries

1. **Circle the Genre:** Gospel | Pauline Epistle | General Epistle | Other_________________

Which source gave you this information? ____________________________________________

2. **Find 2-3 sources that describe the subgenre(s) of your passage.** Write the source titles, then indicate in which subgenre it classifies your passage:

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<td>Lw - Legal Work</td>
<td>N - Narrative</td>
<td>Pa - Parable</td>
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Example: If I found a source that indicated my passage was a *parable*, I would write:
Source 1: New Interpreter’s Bible Subgenre: Pa

Source 1: ____________________________________________________________ Subgenre: 
Source 2: ____________________________________________________________ Subgenre: 
Source 3: ____________________________________________________________ Subgenre: 

3. **Identify the Literary Structure.** In which section of the book of the Bible does your passage appear?
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What passage comes before your passage? What comes after it? Are there any connections?
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4. Identify the major emphases or themes of the entire book.  
Record the title of the source (next page) where you found this information.  
Indicate which of the themes appear in your passage by putting a star next to the theme.

Theme: __________________________________________________________________________
Source: __________________________________________________________________________

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