

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Interpretation of Scripture

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Generally, for these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. However, this week's sermon is topical. There will be many passages surveyed. The inductive study below matches that format. There are two primary sections to this week's sermon study material. 1. Presuppositions of Bible study. 2. Steps to studying the Bible. These will be based on John Piper's acronym APTAT which you can learn more about on DesiringGod.org.

1. Make a list of presuppositions you have (or should have) when you begin to interpret scripture. Root each of your answers in biblical passages.
2. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How does this text describe scripture?
3. How much of scripture is being described in 2 timothy 3:16-17?
4. According to these verses, what is the purpose of scripture?
5. How do these descriptions impact how one might pursue interpretation of scripture?
6. Read Mark 7:1-13. Briefly List the order of events in this passage in succinct bullets.

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7. According to Mark 7:1-13, what is the role of tradition in Bible interpretation? Is tradition authoritative? Is it on equal footing to the Bible? Justify your answer from the text.

❖ Day 2

8. Read 2 Peter 1:21. According to this passage, what are the mechanics of inspiration? How were the scriptures inspired? Concerning this text, what can be inferred about the meaning of scripture we seek to interpret? Are there multiple meanings?
9. How do 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 and John 21:20-23 defend the idea that meaning resides within the author's intention?
10. If the meaning resides in the author's intention, what role to history and grammar play in interpretation of a text?
11. Read John 15:5. According to this text, are you able to interpret the Bible on your own? Upon what/who must we be dependent? How does this practically impact how you study the Bible?

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12. Read Psalm 119:36-37, Psalm 119:18, Psalm 86:11, Psalm 90:14, and Psalm 119:35. How do these passages express dependency upon God in Bible study?

13. How might praying through these texts prior to Bible study help prepare your heart to study God's Word?

❖ Day 3

14. Read Psalm 25:8-9, Romans 8:32, and 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What larger themes do these texts call the reader to?

15. How do the principles in Romans 8:32, Psalm 25:8, and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 practically impact us as we seek to understand Scripture?

16. Read Philippians 2:12, 1 Corinthians 15:10, and 2 Timothy 2:7. In what specific ways were the original hearers/readers called to act?

