

The Basics of Bible Interpretation

Lesson 2 – The Bridge of Bible Interpretation

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What is *hermeneutics*?

What are the three steps to understanding your Bible responsibly?

1. _____, which asks, “What does it _____?”
2. _____, which asks, “What does it _____?”
3. _____, which asks, “How does it apply to _____?”

Which step is the most difficult and time-consuming?

What happens when we fail to interpret and understand the Bible correctly?

1. Some people _____ distort what the Bible says (2 Cor. 4:2).
2. Other people _____ distort what the Bible says. (2 Pet. 3:16).

“Without proper biblical interpretation, the theology of an individual or of an entire church may be misdirected or superficial and its ministry _____.” (Roy B. Zuck)

What is the *perspicuity* of Scripture?

Just because a verse or statement in the Bible _____ to be easy to understand when you read it, you might be looking at it the wrong way and so you still need to build a good bridge to be sure that you get to the right application.

There are six rivers to cross.

mf The River of _____ and _____

mf The River of _____

mf The River of Different _____

mf The River of Grammar and _____

mf The River of _____ Forms

mf The River of God's _____

Homework

- Read at least one time every verse given in parenthesis and think carefully about how it relates to the point associated with it on this sheet.
- Read the journal article found at <http://themelios.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-perspicuity-of-scripture>.
- Be ready for a quiz next Sunday! The quiz will ask you 1) to report what homework you have completed, 2) to fill in blanks from the notes you've taken, and 3) to share two specific lessons, facts or insights that you have learned so far.