

Training & Equipping

Inductive Bible Study

Ground Rules

1. Be Humble – We will not agree on everything
2. Be Teachable – We all need to grow and no one is right on everything
3. Be Reasonable – Not everything is worth dying over
4. Be Worshipful – Every truth is meant to cultivate deep affections for God

The Sufficiency of Scripture

- There's a gap between "Scripture" and "language"
- Sufficiency of Scripture (2 Peter 1:3)
- Sufficient means "enough, adequate"
- The sufficiency of Scripture means that nothing else can do what Scripture does and what Scriptures does is completely what we need
- Language is not Scripture
 - Scripture is God's eternal self-revelation
 - Language is the medium and conduit for the revelation

Köstenberger's Premise

"While it is the premise of this book that quality Bible study can be performed through modern translations, it's nonetheless important to understand that some facets of meaning or subtle nuances may at times be lost when students of Scripture don't engage with the original languages of the Bible."¹

My Two Premises

1. Though language has limitations (there's a gap), it is able to truly deliver the sufficient Scripture to us.
2. We are able to mitigate these limitations providing ease, clarity, and certainty to the sufficient Scripture.

¹ Jr. Fuhr Richard Alan and Andreas J. Köstenberger, *Inductive Bible Study: Observation, Interpretation, and Application through the Lenses of History, Literature, and Theology* (Nashville, TN: B&H, 2016), 12.

The Language Gap

1. Language is the biggest gap
2. Grammar and syntax create a gap
3. Idioms and Euphemisms create a gap

Why Use Idioms?

1. Because normal language includes idioms
2. In order to impact the reader
3. In order to temper the language
4. In order to make a theological point

How should we respond?

1. “It will be ok!”
2. We have faithful translations
3. We have context
4. We have commentaries

Notes

Homework

1. Watch Lesson 7: Gaps Related to
2. Read in Köstenberger
 - “Gaps Related to Theology” (p. 14-19)
 - “A Step by Step Approach” (p. 20-22)
 - “#1 The Literal Principle” (p. 22-24)
 - “#2 The Contextual Principle” (p. 24-28)
3. Read through the chapters of the Bible your curriculum will cover (it is in the table of contents).
4. Discuss the author, audience, and context of your book and be prepared to share these (Explore the Bible & The Gospel Project).
5. Familiarize yourself with the discipleship goals and be prepared to share them with the class (Bible Studies for Life).