





## SO WHAT? (APPLICATION):

- 1. What does it mean to pay attention to God’s Word “as to a lamp shining in a dark place” (v. 19)?**
  - How has your attentiveness to Scripture changed over time? Was there ever a time in your life when you were more attentive to Scripture than you are now?
  - What is keeping you from paying more attention to Scripture at this point in your life? What changes would you need to make in your daily and weekly rhythms to give more attention to God’s Word?
  
- 2. Because Scripture is the Word of God, it means what God intends it to mean, not whatever suits our purposes.** In Peter’s day, the false teachers twisted Scripture to mean what they wanted it to mean. False teachers in our own day often emphasize one aspect of God’s truth but neglect the rest of God’s Word on matters like the value and purpose of suffering.
  - For instance, the prosperity gospel insists that God will provide for all our needs. This is true. But what vital facts about the wisdom and purposes of God does this hyper-focused interpretive method neglect?
  - The word “Gospel” means “good news,” particularly the good news about what God has given us in Christ. How is the prosperity gospel no gospel at all (in that it isn’t actually good news)?
  
- 3. Much of the debate in the church over LGBT issues revolves around how we are to interpret the Bible’s clear prohibition of same-sex relationships.** How would you respond to this pro-gay reading of Scripture? “Moses and Paul knew nothing of sexual orientation, of committed same-sex romantic relationships. So the Bible’s prohibition of same-sex romance cannot be taken at face value.”