



True
To The
Word

17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:17 (NIV)



Hermeneutics

Definition: The branch of knowledge that deals with interpretation. The word most often refers to how to interpret the Bible or other sacred texts from religions.

Things to Consider:

- Who is speaking
- What are the surrounding verses
- What is the narrative of the speaker

Apologetics

Definition: The intellectual defense of the truth of the Christian religion or faith.

Things to Consider:

- It's not an argument or debate
- No one has ever been "debated" into faith
- Intellectual discussion comes from a place of love, not opposition



How do we stay true to God's Word?

1. Prioritize our time in God's Word
2. Blanket our time in the Word with prayer
3. Don't be afraid to use ALL the books of the Bible
4. Search out the context for what you are reading
5. Search the key words



Where can we miss the mark with God's Word?

1. There is no such thing as "bad time" in God's Word
2. There is misguided time in the Word
3. There is distracted time in the Word
4. Context is key



Common Mistakes in Context

13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

The Context

- Written by Paul from a prison cell
- Was actually talking about being content with what we have
- God will get us through seasons
- Does Not simply mean we can do whatever we “want”



Common Mistakes in Context

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.”

Matthew 18:20 (CSB)

The Context

- Words directly from Jesus
- Can be seen as misleading reference God's presence
- Is the continuation of the Biblical model for conflict resolution

How is God's written Word being represented?

1. We have and can misrepresent His Word
2. There is a difference between not knowing and not caring
3. There are people studying God's Word for the wrong reasons
4. We need to be aware of where study comes from

