# HERMENEUTICS

The Science and Art of Biblical Interpretation

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#### **BASIC GOAL**

- To Inspire you to search out the mysteries of God

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory - Prov 25:2 of kings is to search out a matter.

- Each of us have the ability to know the infinite God more intimately than we currently do and He desires us to search out His mysteries.



# We derive no benefit from the fact that God has spoken unless we understand



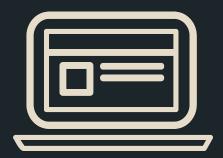
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# HERMANUETICS Big Question for Tonight

Can Anyone correctly interpret the Bible?

NO!!



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## The Three Types of Interpreters

#### Legal Interpreters

- Acts 13:27
- Those that know the letter of the Scriptures, but because of legalistic interpretation, miss Him of whom the Scriptures speak.

#### <u>False</u> Interpreters

- 2 Corinthians 4:2
  - "adulterating the Word of God"
- 2 Peter 3:15-16
  - "Untaught and unstable people"

#### <u>True</u> Interpreters

- Luke 24:27
  - Jesus is THE Interpreter.
  - Every true interpreter must be patterned after Him.
- Encouragement to the true interpreters...
  - 2 Timothy 2:15

## <u>Qualified Interpreter</u>

What are the Spiritual and Mental Qualifications necessary for anyone to rightly interpret the Bible?

# Group Discov



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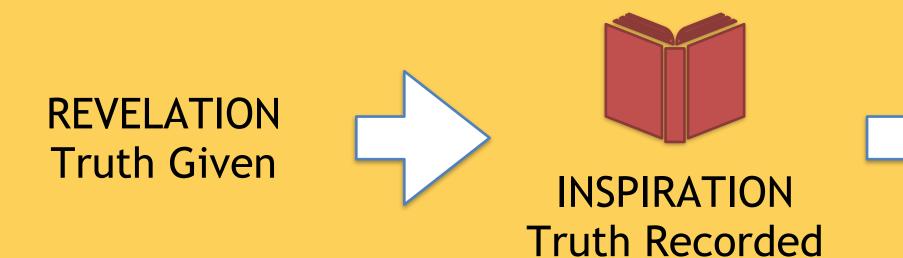


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