



The Park Church: Corporate Bible Study

BIBLE JOURNEY: BIBLE INTERPRETATION: MODERN BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

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Looking Back – Moving Forward

▶ **Early Biblical Interpretation:**

- Hermeneutics: The study of _____ .
- Two types: Philosophical and **Practical**

▶ **Principles and tools for Bible Interpretation:**

- Word Studies, Commentaries, Concordances, How to Study Historical Cultural Background

Genres – *Narrative, Law, Poetry, Wisdom Literature, Prophecy, Gospels, Epistles, Apocalyptic Writings*

John 21: 15-16, NIV

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.

Bible Interpretation: Integrated Approach

Scientific

- ▶ Historical
- ▶ Cultural
- ▶ Literary disciplines

Spiritual

- ▶ Prayer
- ▶ Reflection
- ▶ Meditation

Modern Bible Interpretation:

Periods of Bible Interpretation

- ▶ **Medieval Biblical Period (500- 1300):**

More to the Bible than studying it

- ▶ **Renaissance (1300 – 1600):**

Awareness that the Bible had it's own context

- ▶ **Enlightenment: (from 1700's)**

Emphasis on objectivity

- ▶ **Subjectivism: (from 1800's)**

What about the reader?

- ▶ **Postmodern Criticism (from late 1950's)**

(Radical Subjectivity)

Hermeneutics of Advocacy

 To-Do: In Front | Workbook: Hermeneutics of Advocacy, Part 2 WORKBOOK



Grab your Workbook Journal!

— Record your answers in the workbook provided at the beginning of this course.

We mean readings of the Bible that are more about promoting certain cultural viewpoints than they are about hearing the Bible on its own terms. When we approach the Bible with an agenda that dictates what we find there and leads us to judge the Bible by non-biblical standards, we're applying a "hermeneutic of advocacy." In this case, rather than being enlightened by the Bible, we're using it for our personal agendas.

The Activity of the Holy Spirit

▶ John 14:26:

- *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

▶ John 16:13:

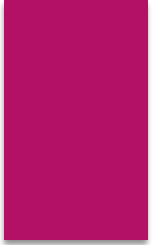
- *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come*

▶ 1 Corinthians 2:10-14:

- *¹⁰ The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.^[a]¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.*

Park Church View of the Bible -

(Excerpt from our Statement of Faith)



We believe the Holy Scriptures, also known as the Bible, to be the inerrant and infallible word of God. It was written by people who were inspired by God both in terms of thought and word. It contains the account of God's redemptive work in history through Jesus Christ. It contains the principles by which God will judge us, serves as the center of our Christian union, and is the standard by which all matters of conduct, creeds, practices, and opinions should be measured. (Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)