

“How do I Interpret the Bible?”

Sermon Series “God Questions: Real Questions – Authentic Faith”

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1. Scripture is the infallible rule for faith and life

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

2. How to interpret scripture:

A. Start with a prayerful desire to submit to God and His Word

B. Understanding the purpose and context

C. Ask whether a text is descriptive or prescriptive

D. The primary commentary on Scripture is Scripture.

3. Ask yourself what is God calling me to BE, KNOW, and DO as a result of this passage.