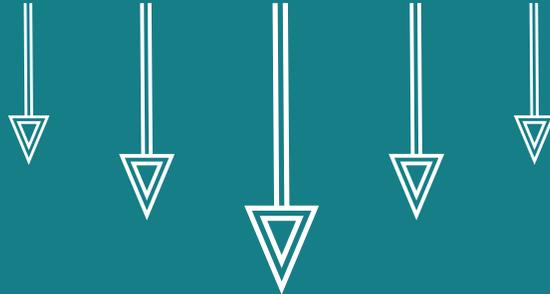


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HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE?

PSALM 71:17-18

NEXT GENERATION

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HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE

Small Group Introduction

ICE-BREAKER IDEA:

Small Group Questions

Does Christ expect perfect Bible Interpretation from us?

- ~ NO; 2 Timothy 2:15 “Do your best...”
- ~ Sometimes we may misinterpret or not know how to interpret. The most important things to remember -
BE TEACHABLE

What are the three “B’s” we need to know for Interpretation?

- ~ Know the Before
- ~ Know the Breakdown
- ~ Know the Base

Do you interpret according to your situation or the passage’s intention?

- ~ The passage intention.
- ~ Imagine interpreting your parents text message to how you feel. You are not getting the message they wanted for you.

HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE

Small Group Questions *continued*

INTERPRET Matt 5:14-16

Know the BEFORE:

*Keep working backwards till you understand the context

- Go back before Jesus starts talking (vs. 1-2) = Jesus went up to a mountaint & speak with people
- Know about the crowd he is speaking to (4:25) = Great crowds followed him from all over
- Know how the crowds came to know him (4:23-25) = Jesus traveled while teaching & healing

Know the BREAKDOWN:

*Find the short statements inside whole sentences.

- You are salt of the earth
- BUT if the salt has lost its taste --- how shall it be restored
- It is no longer good for anything except to be walked on

- You are the light of the world
- City on the hill cannot be hid
- No lights a lamp to put under a basket --- BUT on a stand
- Give light to the whole house
- Same way --- let your light shine before others
- See your good works
- Glorify your Father in heaven

HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE

Small Group Questions *continued*

INTERPRET Matt 5:14-16

Know the BASE:

*Discover the main point(s) of the passage

- You are the salt of the earth
 - » Why use salt? Everyone used salt. When Jesus was talking to wide variety of people, they all understood.
 - » What does salt do?
 - ◇ In the first century Middle East, salt preserved food from spoiling in the desert; similarly, believers in Christ act as preservatives, guarding the world against the corrupting influence of sin.
 - ◇ Just as salt enhances the flavor of food, followers of Christ are meant to stand out and enhance people's lives by sharing Jesus.

- You are the light of the world
 - » The unmistakable presence of light in darkness parallels the role of Christians, who must illuminate the world not only with the truth of God's Word, but also with visible good deeds, so that observers may "glorify your Father who is in heaven."

HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE

Sermon Introduction:

Have you ever misinterpreted a text message?

- I will share fun examples of how easy it can be to misinterpret text messages

Interpret not Interrupt

Sermon Points: 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

Know the Before

Know the Breakdown

Know the Base

Sermon Extra:

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