

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE - Hermeneutics Principles (Life Group)

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I. The Introduction

II. The Hermeneutics Principles

A. The Definition and Need

B. The Essential Principles

1. The Linguistic Principle - determine meaning by the conventions of language

2. The Contextual Principle - context is the final determiner of meaning

3. The Historical Principle - the historical setting contributes to meaning

4. The Cultural Principle - the cultural setting contributes to meaning

5. The Metaphorical Principle - interpret according to appropriate metaphorical conventions

C. The **Other Important** Hermeneutical Principles

6. Literary - take literary form into consideration in interpretation
7. Single Meaning - meaning in each text is single, definite, & fixed
8. Clarity of Scripture - Scripture was intended to be understood
9. Unity of Scripture - use Scripture to interpret Scripture
10. Analogy of Scripture - no interpretation of a passage can contradict the rest of Scripture
11. Progressive Revelation - God has revealed His mind over time
12. Supernatural - interpret Scripture as a divine book
13. Other Principles